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## PROCEEDINGS

According to previous agreements at a meeting held with the church at Cascade, Va., on the 5th Sunday in September, 1951, the churches at Spray, Draper, Cascade and Williamsburg met through the medium of their appointed delegates with the church at Spray, N. C., to organize and establish this association, which was done by the unanimous vote of approval by all delegates.

Elder N. B. Gilbert was chosen to open the introductory service with song and prayer. Elder Roy S. Smith preached the introductory sermon using these words of the Apostle Paul as a text, "When I am weak, then am I strong."

After an intermission of about an hour for lunch, the delegates gathered in the church house for the business session.

The meeting was opened with song and prayer by Elder J. J. Staten, moderator of Mates Creek Association.

1. Called for the letters of the churches who in their individual conference meetings by majority vote had called for this Association. The letters were read by the clerk and the delegates seated.

2. Elected Elder Roy S. Smith, Moderator, and Roy M. Flinchum, Clerk.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None.

4. Called for visitors from sister Associations:

**Lower Mayo**: Elders N. B. Gilbert, J. P. Pulliam, R. D. Bell, S. L. Gilbert, Bro. L. G. Stewart and others.

**Laurel Springs**: Elders J. C. Dunbar, Walter Beasley, J. H. Gentry, E. G. Hall, Brethren E. R. Snead, Jim Branch and others.

**New River**: Brethren J. S. Phillips, Gold Thompson and wife, Sister Roy S. Smith and Bro. Cecil Phillips.

**Mates Creek**: Elders J. J. Staten, R. C. Bell.

**Salem**: Elders, S. J. Reich, G. W. Hill, R. F. Keaton, D. G. Staples, A. B. Barham and others.

**Abbott's Creek**: Elders S. T. Atkinson, W. E. Jarrell and wife.

**Smith River**: Bro. Benny Clifton, Bro. Leonard Cassell and wife, Brethren Henry Cassell, Noel Tilley and many others.

5. Motion passed that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

6. Motion passed that we seat all our correspondents that are present, and all that may come in during this session of the Association.

7. The Moderator appointed Brethren W. N. Tilley, Onis Martin, E. J. Taylor as a committee to direct the order of preaching.

8. Finance Committee: Brethren J. H. Owen, Thad Spain and Onis Martin.

9. Committee on Arrangements: Brethren R. A. Poteat, R. L. Dyer and J. A. Moore with Moderator and Clerk.

10. Motion passed that we adjourn until 9:30 Saturday morning.

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SATURDAY MORNING:

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and opened with song and prayer by Elder J. C. Dunbar, Moderator of Laurel Spring's Association.

1. Called roll of delegates, all delegates or alternates present, except those marked with asterisk*.

2. Called Committee on Arrangements to report. From several names suggested for our Association this committee chose the name of Dan Valley and submitted it for consideration of all the delegates. It was unanimously received, and we agreed that this shall be the Dan Valley Association. The committee also agreed that the articles of faith and rules of decorum as set forth in these minutes shall be the foundation of the doctrine upon which this Association is founded and established and the order of our Association shall be as prescribed by the rules of decorum. All the work of this committee was accepted by the Association, report received and committee discharged.

3. Appointed correspondents to sister Associations as follows:

Lower Mayo—Brethren J. H. Owen, E. J. Taylor and Elder Roy S. Smith.

Laurel Springs—Brethren J. A. Moore. Thad Spain, G. H. Owen, Leonard Page, R. L. Dyer, Elder Roy S. Smith

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Abbott's Creek—Elder Roy S. Smith, Bro. Onis Martin.

New River—Elder Roy S. Smith.

4. Called on Committee on Preaching to report. Reported as follows:

**Friday Afternoon:**

Elder S. T. Atkinson, clerk, failed to get text.
Elder Walter Beasley, no special text.

**Saturday Morning:**

Elder D. G. Staples, Heb. 8:5.
Elder J. H. Gentry, no special text.
Elder J. J. Staten, no special text.
Elder R. C. Bell, no special text.

**Saturday Afternoon:**

Elder J. C. Dunbar, no special text.
Elder A. B. Barham, Matt. 5:3.
Elder R. F. Keaton, Rev. 20:4.
Brother Lester Stewart, no special text.
Elder J. P. Pulliam, clerk, failed to get text.

**Saturday Night:**

Elder W. E. Jarrel, clerk, failed to get text.

**Sunday Morning:**

Elder J. G. Gardner, no special text.
Elder Joe Boles, Matt. 3.
Elder Noel B. Gilbert, out of the belly of hell cried etc.
Elder G. W. Hill, II Timothy 2:19.

**Sunday Afternoon:**

Elder E. H. Burchett, John 5:39.
Elder Albert A. Doss, no special text.
Elder R. D. Bell, Entreat me not to leave thee, etc. Ruth 1:16.

5. Motioned and passed that the clerk have 500 copies of the minutes printed and distribute them among our churches and mail copies to all our correspondents.

6. Called on Finance Committee to report. Reported received from churches, $165.21

Agreed that we make the following disposition of the money we now have and all we may receive during the Association.

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|---|---|
| Received from churches | $165.21 |
| Received from friends | 101.54 |
| Total | 266.75 |

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| Allowed for printing and mailing minutes | $ 40.00 |
| Gave Moderator | 10.00 |
| Gave Clerk | 10.00 |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 42.39 |
| Gave visiting ministers | 164.36 |
| Balance left in hands of clerk | None |

7. We agreed to divide all money left over after Association expenses were paid among our visiting ministers on the basis of distance traveled.

8. Motion passed that the next session of this Association be held with the church at Draper, N. C.

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## RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS

1. We desire from the depth of our hearts to thank our God, for the wonderful demonstration of His love and tender mercies manifested in our midst, in blessing us once again to sit together with so many of our precious brethren and sisters from so many different parts of the country, all in love and peace and fellowship, all speaking one and the self-same thing in perfect harmony.

2. We wish to thank all those who labored to build the very fine stand we have, and other labors of love so necessary to have made this Association the lovely one it has been.

3. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Mr. and Mrs. John B. Dyer for the seats used in the grove around the stand, a gift we greatly appreciate.

4. To the Mayor of Spray, N. C., go our thanks for his wonderful cooperation in furnishing water to the Association.

5. We thank the Fair Funeral Home for their kindness in furnishing a large number of chairs for our use during this session.

6. Agreed that we omit reading of the minutes of this session.

The Association closed with song and prayer by Elder W. J. Puckett.

ELDER ROY S. SMITH, Moderator
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|---|---|
| Spray—W. N. Tilley | 80 |
| Draper—Thad Spain | 37 |
| Cascade—E. J. Taylor | 17 |
| Williamsburg—T. W. Saunders | 13 |
| Total | 147 |

## DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

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|---|---|
| Lower Mayo—Elder J. G. Gardner, Stoneville, N. C. | 30 |
| Laurel Springs—Bro. E. R. Snead, State Road, N. C. | 25 |
| New River—Bro. Guy B. Phillips, Indian Valley, Va. | 25 |
| Abbott's Creek—Elder S. T. Atkinson, Rt. 6, Box 186 High Point, N. C. | 20 |
| Mates Creek—Elder J. J. Staten, Matewan, West, Va. | 20 |
| Smith River—Elder J. G. L. Hash, Endicott, Va. | 25 |
| Salem—Elder A. B. Barham, 141 Dogwood St., Burlington, N. C. | 20 |

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11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel except he has come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery, and at the time is in fellowship with the church.

12. Ordered that we do not now, and never did have fellowship with secret organizations or any other institution of man.

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10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives light on the subject, except when he breaks the rules of the Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerks as often as the Association may require.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege to speak as are the other members, provided that the chair be filled; and he shall have no vote except the Association is equally divided. In that event he shall cast the deciding vote.

13. Any member of this Association who shall withdraw from any of these rules shall be dealt with as the Association may think proper.

14. The Association maintains the right to withdraw from any church which may be in disorder, or that deviates from the orthodox principles and doctrines of religion, either in faith or practice.

# Statistical Table

| CHURCHES | DELEGATES | Time of Meeting | No. in Fellowship | Ordained Minister | Licensed Minister | Contribution | PASTORS | CLERKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Spray | Brethren Onis Martin, W. N. Tilley, R. A. Poteat, John Parker, Alternate | Sat. Night before 3rd Sun. | 80 | 1 | 0 | $74.71 | Elder Roy S. Smith | Bro. W. N. Tilley |
| Draper | Brethren W. E. Wood, T. F. Edwards, Thad Spain, Elder Roy Flinchum, alt. | Sat. Night before 2nd Sun. | 37 | 1 | 0 | 10.00 | Elder Roy M. Flinchum, serving | Bro. Thad Spain |
| Cascade | Brethren E. J. Taylor. J. H. Owen, Harry Wilson. R. L. Dyer. Alternate | Sat. Night before 1st Sun. | 17 | 0 | 0 | 55.00 | Elder Roy S. Smith | Bro. E. J. Taylor |
| Williamsburg | Brethren J. A. Moore. Leonard Page, Millard Saunders. | Sat. Night before 4th Sun. | 13 | 0 | 0 | 25.50 | Elder Roy S. Smith | Bro. T. W. Saunders |
| | | Total | | | | $165.21 | | |

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SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

— of the —

# DAN VALLEY

# Primitive Baptist

# Association

— Held with —

THE CHURCH AT DRAPER,

Rockingham County, North Carolina,

June 12, 13, and 14,

# 1953

1954 session to be held, God willing, with the Church at Williamsburg, Rockingham County, North Carolina, the church being located seven miles south of Reidsville, North Carolina, on Highway 87.

— Officers —

ELDER ROY S. SMITH - Moderator, Cascade, Virginia
J. A. MOORE - Clerk, R. F. D., Reidsville, North Carolina
THAD SPAIN - Assistant Clerk, Draper, North Carolina

# Proceedings

## OF THE SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE DAN VALLEY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT DRAPER, NORTH CAROLINA, ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, JUNE 12, 13, 14, 1953.

FRIDAY MORNING, June 12.

Services were opened with song and prayer by Elder J. C. Tilley. Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder R. M. Flinchum, text, Eph. 1:1-14.

FRIDAY EVENING.

The Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder R. W. Gurganus from White Oak Association. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder R. S. Smith, and proceeded to business as follows:

1. Called for the letters from the churches composing the Dan Valley Association to be handed in and to be read and the messengers seated.

2. Called for petitionary letters. There were none.

3. Elected Elder R. S. Smith to serve as Moderator.

4. Elected J. A. Moore to serve as Clerk, and Thad Spain to serve as assistant Clerk.

5. Motion that the Moderator make all necessary appointments. They were made as follows: Committee on Finance: Onis Martin, Thad Spain, Elder Roy M. Flinchum; Committee on Preaching: J. H. Owens, Leonard Page, E. J. Taylor; Committee on Arrangements: A. A. Sigmon, J. M. Griffith, Thad Spain, together with Moderator and Clerk.

Committee on distribution of Minutes to churches: J. H. Owens and W. E. Wood.

6. Called for and seated correspondents and visitors from Sister Associations as follows:

LOWER MAYO: Elder N. B. Gilbert, Elder Sam Gilbert, Elder W. H. Freeman, Elder Charlie Thomas, Elder Layton Wingfield, Bros. C. C. Shreve, Elders A. A. Doss, R. D. Bell, and Taylor.

LAUREL SPRINGS: Elders Jim Gentry, J. C. Dunbar, Bros. E. R. Snead, E. S. Smith, Elders Edd Hall, Joe Boles.

LITTLE RIVER: Brother Pollard and wife, Brother Pierce and wife and others.

ABBOTT'S CREEK: Elders Sam Atkinson, W. E. Jarrell, Bros. R. L. Comer and wife, Bro. R. D. Comer and others.

SMITH RIVER: Motion carried to drop Smith River Association from our correspondence because in their 1952 session they refused to seat us and our corrrespondents.

ELKHORN: Elder J. C. Tilley and wife, Brother L. B. Hilton and wife, Elders S. F. Collins, W. E. Branch, C. A. Marshall and wife, Sister Maggie Priddy.

MILL BRANCH: Brothers E. L. Vaught, B. C. Jennerett and wife; Elder L. G. Mishoe.

NEW RIVER: Elders G. P. Harris, J. S. Sechriest, Bros. J. S. Phillips, N. C. Harris and wife, C. C. Phillips, G. E. Duncan, Clifton Harris, Gold Thompson and wife, H. E. Phillips.

MATES CREEK: Minutes.

SALEM: Elders D. G. Staples, Frank Keaton, E. H. Burchett, S. J. Reich, Bro. Lester Wood, Sister Tillmon, Sister Otis Cobb, Bro. B. C. Clinard and others.

WHITE OAK: Elders S. Gray, L. L. Yopp, R. W. Gurganus, Bro. W. A. Lanier and others.

LOWER COUNTRY LINE: Brother Lester Williford and wife, Bros. A. J. Hill, Rufus Gentry and wife, F. D. Long.

BEAR CREEK: Elder J. T. Jones, Bro. R. L. Hunnycutt, and others.

SEVEN MILE: Elder B. L. Godwin.

FROM INDEPENDENT CHURCHES AS FOLLOWS:

WOLF ISLAND: J. R. Stone, W. L. Garner, Clyde Strader.

RIVERSIDE: Bro. Noel Tilley, Sister Mattie Hodges & others.

DAN RIVER (Va.): Henry Cassell, Walter Banks and wife, Bennie Clifton.

GOBLINTOWN: Jackson Via and wife.

REID CREEK: Elders U. C. Young and wife, Harvey Prilliman.

CENTER CHURCH: Elder B. H. Martin and wife, Bro. Leonard Cassell.

7. Moved to adjourn until 9:30 Saturday morning. Dismissed by Eld. N. B. Gilbert.

SATURDAY MORNING:

Association met pursuant to adjournment and services were opened by song and prayer by Elder Golden Harris of New River Association.

1. Called roll of messengers and marked absentees.

2. Called on Committee on Arrangements to report. They reported no business claiming their attention and they were discharged.

3. Called on Finance Committee to report. They reported as follows:

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|---|---|
| Received from churches | $189.75 |
| Received from friends | 155.83 |
| Total | 345.58 |

4. Motion carried to dispose of finances as follows:

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| Allowed for printing and mailing minutes | $60.00 |
| Gave Moderator | 10.00 |
| Gave Clerk | 10.00 |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 74.98 |
| Gave visiting Elders | 190.60 |
| Total | $345.58 |

Balance left in hands of Clerk ..... none

4a. We agreed to divide all money left over after Association expenses were paid among our visiting ministers on the basis of distance traveled.

5. Called on correspondents to Sister Associations to report and appointed correspondents as follows:

WHITE OAK: Elders Roy S. Smith, Emmett Stone, J. P. Pulliam.

LOWER MAYO: Onis Martin J. H. Owens, A. A. Sigmon, Eld. Roy S. Smith.

LAUREL SPRINGS: J. A. Moore, J. H. Owens, A. A. Sigmon, Elders Roy S. Smith, Emmett Stone.

MATES CREEK: Elders Emmett Stone, Roy S. Smith.

MILL BRANCH: Elders Jack Pulliam, Roy S. Smith.

SALEM: Elder Roy S. Smith, J. A. Moore, Onis Martin, Eld. Jack Pulliam.

ABBOTT'S CREEK: Elder Jack Pulliam.

NEW RIVER: Onis Martin, Eld. Roy S. Smith, J. A. Moore, Leonard Page.

ELK HORN: A. A. Sigmon, Elders Emmett Stone, Roy S. Smith.

LOWER COUNTRY LINE: J. H. Owens, Elders Roy S. Smth, Jack Pulliam, Bro. J. A. Moore.

Moved and seconded to take up correspondence with the above.

BEAR CREEK: Moved and second to take up correspondence. Appointed messengers to go: Elders Roy S. Smith, Jack Pulliam, Emmett Stone, Bro. J. A. Moore.

SEVEN MILE: Elder Jack Pulliam and file of minutes.

LITTLE RIVER: Moved and seconded to take up correspondence. Appointed messengers: Elder Jack Pulliam, Emmett Stone.

6. The Committee on Preaching reported as follows:

FRIDAY MORNING: Elder Roy M. Flinchum, Introductory Sermon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder B. L. Godwin—no special text.
Elder W. E. Jarrell—no special text.
Elder S. T. Atkinson—no special text.
Elder N. B. Gilbert—dismissed.

SATURDAY MORNING:

Elder Frank Keaton—no special text.
Elder W. H. Freeman—no special text.
Elder J. G. Gardner—No special text.
Elder Golden Harris—Luke 7.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder J. T. Jones—Rev. 15.
Elder Joe Boles—No special text.
Elder J. C. Tilley—no special text.
Elder W. E. Branch—no special text.
Elder J. H. Gentry Gentry—Dismissed.

SUNDAY MORNING:

Elder N. B. Gilbert—opened by song and prayer.
Elder S. J. Reich—John 4:4.
Elder Lonnie Yopp—no special text.
Elder J. C. Dunbar—Jer. 1:4.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder L. G. Mishoe—no special text.
Elder R. W. Gurganus—no special text.
Elder S. F. Collins—no special text.
Elder R. D. Bell—no special text.
Elder J. C. Dunbar—dismissal.

7. Motion passed to have the Clerk to have 500 copies of this Minute printed and distributed to our churches and mail to the corresponding Associations.

8. Motion passed that the next session of this Association be held with the church at Williamsburg beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in June, 1954.

9. Motion passed that Elder R. S. Smith preach the Introductory Sermon in 1954.

10. Motion carried to omit reading of minute.

11. We wish to thank God for His goodness and mercy to us, and the many friends who have helped in caring for the Association. We wish to thank the Leaksville-Spray Funeral Home for furnishing chairs for our use, and the town officials of Draper for their cooperation in making it possible to hold our Association. We also want to thank Marshall Field & Company for the use of their land to hold it on.

12. Moved to adourn until time and place appointed for 1954 session.

13. Dismissed by Elder S. J. Reich.

ELDER ROY S. SMITH, Moderator
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| White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryan, Pink Hill, N. C. | 20 |
| Laurel Springs—E. R. Snead, State Road, N. C. | 20 |
| Lower Country Line: F. D. Long, Roxboro, N. C. | 20 |
| Elk Horn—Elder C. A. Marshall, Bluefield, W. Va. | 20 |
| Bear Creek—T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Box 403, Monroe, N. C. | 20 |
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12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege to speak as are the other members, provided that the chair be filled; and he shall have no vote except the Association is equally divided. In that event he shall cast the deciding vote.

13. Any member of this Association who shall withdraw from any of these rules shall be dealt with as the Association may think proper.

14. The Association maintains the right to withdraw from any church which may be in disorder, or that deviates from the orthodox principles and doctrines of religion, either in faith or practice.

## STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | MESSENGERS | TIME OF MEETING | Rec'd by baptism | Rec'd by Letter | Conf. of Faith | Excluded | Dis'd by Letter | Restored | Deceased | Membership | Contribution |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Spray | W. N. Tilley, Onis Martin, Elder Roy S. Smith, J. M. Griffith | Sat. night before the Third Sunday | 3 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 86 | $91.75 |
| Draper | Elder R. M. Flinchum, W. E. Wood, Thad Spain, T. F. Edwards | Saturday night before the Second Sunday | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 36 | 15.00 |
| Cascade | E. J. Taylor, J. H. Owens, A. A. Sigmon, R. L. Dyer | Sat. before the first Sunday | .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 19 | 48.00 |
| Williamsburg | J. A. Moore, Leonard Page, J. C. Hall, Sister John Lovelace | Saturday night before the Fourth Sunday | 1 | .. | 4 | 7 | .. | 1 | .. | 13 | 35.00 |
| | | Totals | 4 | 2 | 8 | 7 | .. | 1 | 3 | 153 | 189.75 |

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# *Proceedings*

**OF THE THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE DAN VALLEY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT WILLIAMSBURG, ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, N. C.,**

**June 11, 12, 13, 1954**

FRIDAY MORNING, June 11.

Services were opened with song and prayer by Elder S. T. Atkinson of Abbott's Creek Association. Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Roy S. Smith. Text, 2 Cor. 4:5.

Recessed one hour for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association was opened with song and prayer by Elder L. L. Schenk of Kansas.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, Elder Roy S. Smith, and business proceeded as follows:

1. Called for the letters from the churches composing the Dan Valley Association to be handed in, and to be read and the messengers seated.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None

3. Elder Roy S. Smith was re-elected to serve as Moderator.

4. Elder Roy M. Flinchum was elected Clerk and Brother Thad Spain, Assistant Clerk.

5. Motioned that the Moderator make all temporary appointments; they were made as follows:

Finance Committee—Brethren W. N. Tilley, J. M. Griffith, J. H. Owen.

Committee on Preaching—Brethren E. J. Taylor, Onis Martin, and Leonard Page.

Committee on Arrangements—Brethren Thad Spain, R. L. Dyer, Frank Lester.

Committee on Distribution of minutes to the churches—Brethren W. E. Wood, J. A. Moore.

6. Called for and seated correspondents and visitors from sister associations as follows.

Lower Mayo: Elders N. B. Gilbert, W. H. Freeman, Layton Wingfield, Brethren C. C. Shreve, Grady Clarke and others.

Laurel Springs: Elders J. C. Dunbar, G. H. Gentry, Brethren E. R. Snead, E. S. Smith and others.

Little River: Elder T. F. Adams, Brethren Wade Brown and wife, and E. D. Pierce and wife.

Abbott's Creek: Elders S. T. Atkinson and wife, Brother R. L. Comer and wife.

Black Creek: Elders N. S. Davis, W. G. Pate and wife, Brother J. T. Boyette.

Motion passed that we take up correspondence with the above mentioned associations.

Elkhorn: Brother J. S. Lawless and Sister Maggie Priddy.

Mill Branch: Elder L. G. Mishoe and wife, Brethren B. C. Generette and wife, W. A. Hardy and wife.

New River: Elder Golden P. Harris and wife, Brethren J. S. Phillips and wife, Gold Thompson and wife, Clifton Harris, H. E. Phillips and others.

Mates Creek: File of minutes.

Salem: Elders R. F. Keaton, D. G. Staples, A. B. Barham, C. S. Farmer, S. J. Reich, and G. W. Hill.

White Oak: Elders S. Gray, Lewis Williams, Brethren W. A. Lanier, Amos Futrell and Sister Betty King.

Lower Country Line: Elders L. P. Martin and wife, F. W. Rhodes. Brethren G. B. Walker and wife, W. C. Hawkins, and Robert Hawkins.

Bear Creek: Elders S. T. Curlee, C. D. Whitley and Oscar Broom.

Seven Mile: Elder B. L. Godwin.

From independent churches as follows:

Big Walnut Creek: Elder L. L. Schenk.

Wolf Island: Brother W. L. Garner and others.

Center: Brother L. L. Cassell, S. L. Cassell and wife.

Motioned that we take up correspondence with Blue Ridge Association.

Represented as follows: Elders H. D. Prilliman, B. H. Martin, Brethren George Jamerson and wife, Jackson Via and wife.

Moved to adjourn until 9:30 Saturday Morning. Dismissed with prayer by Elder H. E. Mann.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and services were opened with song and prayer by Elder Golden P. Harris, Moderator of New River Association.

1. Called roll of messengers and marked absentees.

2. Called for Committee on Arrangements to report. They reported no business claiming their attention and were discharged.

3. Called on the Finance Committee to report. They reported as follows:

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|---|---|
| Received from churches | $152.00 |
| Received from friends | 236.00 |
| Total | $388.00 |

Motion passed to dispose of finances as follows:

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|---|---|
| Allowed for printing and mailing minutes | $50.00 |
| Gave Moderator | 10.00 |
| Gave Clerk | 10.00 |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 11.00 |
| Gave visiting elders | 307.00 |
| Total | $388.00 |
| Balance in hands of Clerk | None |

4. We agreed to divide all money left over after the Association expenses were paid, among our visiting ministers on the basis of distance traveled.

5. Called on correspondents to sister associations to report, and appointed correspondents as follows:

White Oak: Elders J. P. Pulliam, Roy S. Smith. Brethren J. H. Owen, and Frank Lester.

Lower Mayo: Brethren J. H. Owen, A. A. Sigmon, and Elder Roy S. Smith.

Laurel Springs: Elders R. S. Smith, J. P. Pulliam, Brethren

A. A. Sigmon and J. H. Owen.

Mates Creek: Elders Emmett Stone, J. P. Pulliam.

Mill Branch: Elders Emmett Stone, Roy S. Smith, Brethren Frank Lester, R. L. Dyer.

Salem: Elders Roy S. Smith, J. P. Pulliam, Brethren R. L. Dyer, Frank Lester and Leonard Page.

Abbott's Creek: Elder J. P. Pulliam, Onis Martin, Elder Roy S. Smith and Elder Roy Flinchum.

New River: Elder Roy S. Smith, Brethren Onis Martin, J. H. Owen, R. L. Dyer, Leonard Page, and F. Lester.

Elkhorn: Brother A. A. Sigmon, and Elder R. M. Flinchum.

Lower Country Line: Brethren R. L. Dyer, J. H. Owen, and Frank Lester.

Bear Creek: Elders Roy S. Smith, J. P. Pulliam, Brother Onis Martin.

Seven Mile: File of minutes.

Little River: Brethren Onis Martin, Frank Lester, Elders Emmett Stone, J. P. Pulliam, Roy S. Smith.

Blue Ridge: Elders Roy M. Flinchum, Emmett Stone, J. P. Pulliam, and Roy S. Smith.

Black Creek: Elder Roy S. Smith, Brother Onis Martin.

6. Committee on Preaching called to report; they reported as follows:

**Friday Morning.**

Opening prayer by Elder S. T. Atkinson of Abbott's Creek Association.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by our beloved Moderator, Elder Roy S. Smith. Text. 2 Cor. 4:5.

**Friday Afternoon.**

Elder W. G. Pate, no special text

Elder N. B. Davis, "All that the Father hath given me, etc."

Elder C. D. Whitley, Rev. 22:16,17

Elder S. T. Atkinson, excused himself

**Saturday Morning.**

Elders T. F. Adams, Isaiah 41:17,18
Elder Oscar Broom, Matt. 12:25
Elder S. T. Atkinson, no special text
Elder L. P. Martin, Romans 9:21,22

**Saturday Afternoon.**

Elder B. L. Godwin, John 9:1-4
Elder S. Gray, Gen. 22:8
Elder A. E. Broadway, no special text
Elder R. F. Keaton, 'Unto me who am less than the least, etc.''

**Sunday Morning.**

Elder Louis Williams, ''And the light shineth in darkness''
Elder L. L. Schenk, Romans 9:17
Elder L. G. Mishoe, ''Lo, I come as it is written of me''
Elder Golden P. Harris, Eph. 2:1-4

**Sunday Afternoon.**

Elder J. H. Gentry, no special text
Elder George H. Doss, Psalm 33
Elder J. C. Dunbar, ''The arm of the Lord is stretched forth''
Elder Harvey D. Prilliman, no special text
Elder D. G. Staples, no special text
Elder N. B. Gilbert, no special text

7. Motion passed to have the clerk have 750 copies of this minute printed and distributed to our churches and mailed to our corresponding associations.

8. Motion passed that the next session of this association be held with the church at Cascade, Pittsylvania County, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in June, 1955.

9. Motion passed that Elder Roy M. Flinchum preach the Introductory Sermon in 1955.

10. Motion carried to omit reading of the minute.

11. How pitifully inadequate become our words when we try to frame them to express our heartfelt gratitude to our God for His wonderful goodness and tender mercies extended to us. in bringing our precious brethren and sisters from the far reaches of the country to meet with us again in adoration and perfect praise to His most highly exalted name. Thanks be unto God for His wonderful works toward the children of men.

We wish to thank the management of Watts and Leader warehouse for their highly commendable action in furnishing us plenty of ice water during this session. We thank the authorities of Williamsburg School for their generous cooperation in opening the school facilities and the grounds for our use.

Our heartfelt thanks to all of our brethren and sisters and friends in the Williamsburg community and elsewhere, for their part in caring for the Association so wonderfully.

12. Moved to adjourn until time and place appointed for 1955 session.

13. Dismissed with prayer by Elder H. E. Mann.

ELDER ROY S. SMITH, Moderator
ELDER ROY M. FLINCHUM, Clerk
BROTHER THAD SPAIN, Assistant Clerk

## ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Roy S. Smith, Cascade, Virginia
Elder Roy M. Flinchum, 317 E. Meadow Rd., Draper, N. C.
Elder J. P. Pulliam, Spray, N. C.
Elder Emmett Stone, Fieldale, Va.
Elder A. J. McDaniel, Spray, N. C.

## DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

| | |
|---|---|
| Spray—W. N. Tilley | 90 |
| Draper—Thad Spain | 37 |
| Cascade—E. J. Taylor | 17 |
| Williamsburg—J. A. Moore | 14 |

## DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

New River—Cecil Phillips, Snowville, Va. ..... 20
Little River—Elder T. F. Adams, Willow Springs, N. C. ..... 20
Salem—Elder S. J. Reich, Rt. 7, Winston Salem, N. C. ..... 20
White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryan, Pink Hill, N. C. ..... 20
Laurel Springs—E. R. Snead, State Road, N. C. ..... 20
Lower Country Line—F. D. Long, Roxboro, N. C. ..... 20
Elkhorn—Elder C. A. Marshall, Bluefield, W. Va. ..... 20
Bear Creek—T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Box 403, Monroe, N. C. ..... 20
Mates Creek—Elder J. J. Staten, Matewan, W. Va. ..... 20
Abbott's Creek—R. L. Comer, Carthage, N. C. ..... 20
Lower Mayo—Elder J. G. Gardner, Stoneville, N. C. ..... 20
Mill Branch—E. L. Vaught, Loris, S. C. ..... 20
Seven Mile—Elder B. L. Godwin, Coats, N. C. ..... 20
Black Creek—Elder W. E. Turner, Wilson, N. C. ..... 20
Blue Ridge—George W. Jamerson, Bassett, Va. ..... 20

## ORDINATION OF ELDER A. J. McDANIELS

By the request of the Church at Spray, a presbytery of elders and deacons was organized at Spray Church on the second day of August, 1953, and did ordain Elder A. J. McDaniels to the full functions of the gospel ministry. Elder R. S. Smith was elected moderator and J. A. Moore, clerk. Deacon Onis Martin was appointed spokesman for the church.

Elder Jimmy Gardner examined the candidate, and Elder R. S. Smith prayed the ordination prayer. Elder R. D. Bell gave the charge, and after finding him orthodox, delivered him back to the Church by order of the presbytery.

The following elders and deacons layed hands on him: Elders R. S. Smith, J. P. Pulliam, J. G. Gardner, N. J. Pritchett, Will Boothe, G. H. Doss, Harvey Prilliman, G. W. Hill, R. D. Bell. Deacons Onis Martin, Thad Spain, Noel Tilley, W. L. Garner, R. J. Harris, J. M. Thomas, C. C. Mamul, H. E. Lea, E. J. Taylor, W. N. Tilley, George W. Jamerson, and A. A. Sigmon.

By order of the Church.

ELDER R. S. SMITH, Moderator
J. A. MOORE, Clerk

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when about to speak.

4. The person speaking shall not be interrupted by any except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise shall he reflect upon the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failures and imperfections, but shall fully state the case and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his address.

6. No person shall rise and break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained to do so.

7. No member shall rise and speak more than three times on any subject without permission from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor of whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No person of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives light on the subject, except when he breaks the rules of the Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerks as often as the Association may require.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege to speak as are the other members, provided that the chair be filled; and he shall have no vote except the Association is equally divided. In that event he shall cast the deciding vote.

13. Any member of this Association who shall withdraw from any of these rules shall be dealt with as the Association may think proper.

14. The Association maintains the right to withdraw from any church which may be in disorder, or that deviates from the orthodox principles and doctrines of religion, either in faith or practice.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

2. We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the testimonies of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe that all mankind is in a fallen state by nature, and consequently in a state of condemnation; the man cannot recover himself from the state by his own free will and ability.

4. We believe that sinners are justified by faith, and accounted righteous before God only by the imputed righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. We believe in election according to the foreknowledge of God, the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

6. We believe the saints are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, and that they never finally fall away.

7. We believe that all the regenerated are created in Christ Jesus unto good works, and good works follow faith as a fruit of it, and that God works in all His people both to will and to do His own good pleasure, and that it is by our fruits that we are known.

8. We believe that a church of Jesus Christ is a company of believers, baptized upon a profession of their faith in Christ, contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, and remaining pure and holy, ordaining as they have been delivered.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Gospel, and that true believers are the only proper subjects; and that the only true mode of baptism is immersion, and that the washing of the saints' feet is an example.

10. We believe there will be a resurrection of the bodies of all men, both the just and unjust; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel except he has come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery, and at the time is in fellowship with the church.

12. Ordered that we do not now, and never did have fellowship with secret organizations or any other institution of man.

## STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCH AND PASTOR | CLERK | MESSENGERS | Meeting Sat. night before indicated Sunday | Rec'd by Exp. | Rec'd by Letter | Restored | Dismissed by Ltr. | Excluded | Deceased | Membership | Contribution |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SPRAY— | | W. N. Tilley, Onis Martin, Eld R. S. | | | | | | | | | |
| Roy S. Smith .... | W. N. Tilley .... | Smith, J. M. Griffith ..... | 3rd | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 87 | $45.00 |
| DRAPER— | | Thad Spain, W. E. Wood, T. F. | | | | | | | | | |
| A. J. McDaniel .. | Thad Spain ..... | Edwards and Eld. R. M. Flinchum . | 2nd | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 33 | 20.00 |
| CASCADE— | | E. J. Taylor, J .H. Owen, R. L. | | | | | | | | | |
| Roy S. Smith ... | E. J. Taylor ..... | Dyer, A. A. Sigmon ..... | 1st | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 22 | 45.00 |
| Williamsburg— | | J. A. Moore, Leonard Page, J. C. | | | | | | | | | |
| Roy S. Smith ... | J. A. Moore ..... | Hall, Frank Lester ..... | 4th | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 14 | 42.00 |
| | | | | | | | Total ..... | | | | $152.00 |

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## Fourth Annual Session

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## The Church At Cascade
PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

June 10, 11, 12,

## 1955

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# *Proceedings*

**OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE DAN VALLEY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT CASCADE, VIRGINIA, JUNE 10, 11, 12, 1955.**

FRIDAY MORNING, June 10.

Service was opened with song and prayer by Elder S. T. Atkinson, and the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Roy M. Flinchum, followed by Elder J. P. Pulliam.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association was opened with song and prayer by Elder L. P. Martin of the Lower Country Line Association.

The Moderator then called the Association to order and proceeded with business as follows:

1. Called for letters from the churches composing the Association, the letters were read, and their contents recorded in the Statistical Table.

2. Called for petitionary letters; none.

3. Elder Roy S. Smith was re-elected Moderator.

4. Elder Roy M. Flinchum was re-elected Clerk and Deacon Thad Spain re-elected Assistant Clerk.

5. Motion passed that the Moderator make all temporary appointments; they were made as follows:

Committee on Arrangements: Brethren J. H. Owen, O. B. Garner, A. A. Sigman, E. J. Taylor, together with the Moderator and Clerk.

Finance Committee: Brethren Robert L. Dyer, Leonard Page, Onis Martin.

Committee on Preaching: Brethren Luther Hall, E. J. Taylor, Thad Spain.

Committee for Distribution of Minutes: J. H. Owen, Leonard Page, R. L. Dyer.

6. Called for correspondents and visitors from sister associations as follows:

Lower Mayo: Elders N. B. Gilbert, W. H. Freeman, G. H. Doss, S. L. Gilbert, Charlie Thomas, J. G. Gardner, Brother

C. C. Shreve, L. G. Stewart, Elder G. E. Frazier and others.

Little River: Elder Floyd Adams, Brother J. R. Thompson and wife.

Laurel Springs: Elders J. C. Dunbar, Joe Boles, E. G. Hall, Brother E. R. Snead and wife and others.

Abbott's Creek: Elders S. T. Atkinson, W. E. Jarrell and wives and others.

Elkhorn: Brother Goins, Sister Maggie Priddy, Brother Edd Lawless.

Mill Branch: Brother B. C. Jenerette and wife.

New River: Elder G. P. Harris, Brethren Gold Thompson and wife, Noah Harris and wife, Clifton Harris and others.

Mates Creek: Elder R. C. Bell and wife.

Salem: Elders D. G. Staples, R. F. Keaton, A. B. Barham, Brother W. L. Garner, Sister Cobb and others.

White Oak: Elder L. L. Yopp, Brother J. B. Pollard and wife, Sisters Gurganus and Betty King.

Bear Creek: Elder C. D. Whitley and others.

Seven Mile: File of Minutes.

Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin and wife, Brethren A. J. Hill, Paul Wilson, Robert Hawkins.

Blue Ridge: Elders H. D. Prilliman, Benny Clifton, B. H. Martin and wife, Brethren Jackson Via, Noel Tilley and others.

Black Creek: Elder W. G. Pate and wife, Brethren W. D. Daniel, J. T. Boyett and others.

Center Church: Brother Leonard Cassell and wife, Sister Vinie Joyce, Brother Lester Cassell and wife, Brother Calvin Stovall and others.

7. Moved and carried that we receive and seat all of our correspondents and visitors.

8. Motion carried that we adjourn until 9:30 Saturday morning. Dismissed with prayer by Elder W. H. Freeman.

ELDER ROY S. SMITH, Moderator
ELDER ROY M. FLINCHUM, Clerk
DEACON THAD SPAIN, Ass't. Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and the business conference was opened with song and prayer by Elder G. P. Harris, Moderator of the New River Association.

1. Called the roll of church messengers and marked absentees.

2. Called for report of Committee on Arrangements. They reported no business claiming their attention and were dismissed.

3. Called for report of Finance Committee; they reported as follows:

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|---|---|
| Received from churches | $198.00 |
| Received from friends | 118.00 |
| Total | $316.00 |

4. Motion carried to dispose of Finance as follows:

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|---|---|
| Allowed for printing and mailing Minutes | $ 50.00 |
| Gave Moderator | 10.00 |
| Gave Clerk | 10.00 |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 14.00 |
| Gave visiting elders | 232.00 |
| Total | $316.00 |

Balance left in the hands of Clerk—None.

4a. We agreed to divide all funds left over after Association expenses were paid, among our visiting ministers on the basis of distance traveled.

5. Called for delegates to corresponding associations to report, and appointed delegates as follows:

Lower Mayo: J. H. Owen, E. J. Taylor, Leonard Page, R. L. Dyer.

White Oak: Bill Wyatt, Roy M. Flinchum.

Laurel Springs: R. L. Dyer, J. H. Owen, Roy M. Flinchum, Bill Wyatt.

Mates Creek: Elders Emmett Stone, Roy S. Smith.

Mill Branch: Elder Emmett Stone.

Salem: R. L. Dyer, J. H. Owen, Leonard Page.

Abbott's Creek: Onis Martin, Joe Hilliard.

New River: J. H. Owen, Roy Flinchum, Bill Wyatt, Elders J. P. Pulliam, Roy S. Smith.

Elkhorn: Elder Emmett Stone, A. A. Sigmon.

Lower Country Line: J. H. Owen, Luther Hall, J. P. Pulliam.

Bear Creek: Elders J. P. Pulliam, Emmett Stone.

Seven Mile: File of Minutes.

Little River: Elder J. P. Pulliam, J. H. Owen, R. L. Dyer.

Black Creek: Elders J. P. Pulliam, Emmett Stone, R. S. Smith.

Blue Ridge: Bill Wyatt, E. J. Taylor, Luther Hall.

6. Motioned and carried that the Clerk have 750 copies of these Minutes printed and mailed to our churches and correspondents.

7. Motion passed that the next session of this Association be held with the Church at Spray, North Carolina, Rockingham County.

8. Motion carried that Elder Emmett Stone preach the Introductory Sermon in 1956, and that Elder A. J. McDaniel be his alternate.

9. Motion passed to omit reading of the Minute, and to give the Clerk authority to make any minor changes he deems necessary.

ELDER ROY S. SMITH, Moderator
ELDER ROY M. FLINCHUM, Clerk
DEACON THAD SPAIN, Ass't. Clerk

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS

10. Once again we humbly desire to bow in gracious thanksgiving to our God, for His continued love and tender mercy to usward, in blessing us to sit together with our brethren in peace, love and fellowship, having all things in common, speaking one and the self-same thing, we feel to say with the sweet psalmist King David, Praise the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever. We wish to thank Mr. Melvin Gray and Mr. W. P. Law for all of their splendid work in helping us get the grounds cleaned up, building the stand and everything else they did.

We thank Mr. Johnny Dyer for his wonderful help and cooperation with us, in giving both material and finances.

Our thanks also to the Leaksville-Spray Funeral Home for their kindness to us in furnishing us chairs. Our heartfelt thanks to all the brethren, sisters and friends who so wonderfully provided for the Association.

11. Motioned and carried that we adjourn until time and place of our next session.

12. Dismissed with prayer by Elder T. Floyd Adams.

ELDER ROY S. SMITH, Moderator
ELDER ROY M. FLINCHUM, Clerk
DEACON THAD SPAIN, Ass't. Clerk

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## ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Roy S. Smith, Cascade, Va.
Elder Roy M. Flinchum, 317 E. Meadow Rd., Draper, N. C.
Elder J. P. Pulliam, Spray, N. C.
Elder Emmett Stone, Fieldale, Va.
Elder A. J. McDaniel, Spray, N. C.

## ORDINATION OF BROTHER LUTHER HALL

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Done by order of the Church at Williamsburg, Dec. 25, 1954.

Elder Roy S. Smith, Mod. of Presbytery
Elder Roy M. Flinchum, Clerk of Presbytery

## ORDER OF PREACHING

Praise and prayer by Elder S. T. Atkinson. Introductory Sermon by Elder Roy M. Flinchum, text, Col. 3:3, 4; followed by Elder J. P. Pulliam, no special text.

Friday Afternoon:

Elder S. T. Atkinson, Romans 10:4-7
Elder W. E. Jarrell, Matt. 6:14, 15
Elder C. D. Whitley, Psalms 89:15
Elder B. H. Martin, excused himself
Elder W. H. Freeman, dismissed with prayer

Friday Night:

Song and prayer by Elder F. W. Rhodes
Elder T. F. Adams, Isaiah 41:17, 18
Elder R. C. Bell, "Out of Zion shall come a deliverer"

Saturday Morning:

Elder T. F. Adams, Prov. 9:1-4
Elder F. W. Rhodes, "Let the dead bury their dead"

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder Joe Boles, excused himself
Elder L. P. Martin, 2 Cor. 5:3
Elder D. G. Staples, Matt. 5:3
Elder U. C. Young, Rom. 10:15
Elder Charlie Thomas, Rev. 20:6
Elder R. C. Bell, Rom. 6:23
Elder J. G. Gardner, excused himself
Elder J. C. Dunbar, excused himself

Sunday Morning:

Elder J. C. Dunbar, opened service with song and prayer.
Elder W. G. Pate, no special text
Elder L. L. Yopp, Gen. 3:5
Elder G. P. Harris, 2 Pet. 7:4

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder L. G. Mishoe, John 4:35
Elder Joe Boles, "It is not in man that walketh"
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| CHURCH AND PASTOR | CLERK AND ADDRESS | MESSENGERS | Communion Mo. | Sun. of Meetings | Rec'd by Baptism | Rec'd by letter | Rec'd on Conf. | Restored | Dism'd. by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Total Membership | Contribution |
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| SPRAY— | W. N. Tilley, Boone | W. N. Tilley, Eld. R. S. Smith, | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eld. R. S. Smith . | Road, Leaksville, N. C. | Onis Martin, R. A. Poteat, alt. . . | May | 3rd | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 | 84 | $ 50.00 |
| DRAPER— | Thad Spain, 215 W. Va. | Thad Spain, T. F. Edwards, Eld. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| No Pastor ..... | Ave., Draper, N. C. .. | Roy M. Flinchum, Harold Luck, alt. | Oct. | 2nd | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | 32 | 25.00 |
| CASCADE— | E. J. Taylor | E. J. Taylor, J. H. Owen, | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eld. R. S. Smith . | Cascade, Va. ..... | R. L. Dyer, A. A. Sigmon, alt. ... | Aug. | 1st | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 24 | 76.00 |
| Williamsburg— | Ollie Southard, Rt. 5, | Leonard Page, Otis Garner, | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eld. R. S. Smith . | Reidsville, N. C. ..... | Frank Lester, Luther Hall, alt. . | June | 4th | 3 | .. | 4 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 20 | 47.00 |
| | | Totals ... | | | 6 | .. | 5 | .. | 1 | 1 | 5 | 160 | $198.00 |

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OF THE

# Fifth

## Annual Session

OF THE

# Dan Valley

## Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## Spray Church

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JUNE 8, 9, and 10,

# 1956

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ELDER ROY M. FLINCHUM - Clerk, 317 E. Meadow Rd., Draper, North Carolina
DEACON THAD SPAIN ..... Assistant Clerk
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**Held with the Church at Spray,**
**Rockingham County, N. C.**
**June 8, 9, 10, 1956.**

FRIDAY MORNING, June 8, 1956.

Services were opened with song and prayer by Elder Fred W. Rhodes of Lower Country Line Association, and the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Emmett Stone, text 1 Cor. 15:1. After an intermission for lunch, the messengers of the churches composing the Association, together with the messengers and visitors from sister Associations met in the house, and the Association was opened with song and prayer by Elder C. D. Whitley of the Bear Creek Association.

1. Letters from our churches were called for and read by the Clerk. Moved and carried that all the messengers be seated and their names be enrolled in our Statistical Table.

2. Call for petitionary letters. None presented.

3. By unanimous vote, the Association re-elected Elder Roy S. Smith, Moderator, Elder Roy M. Flinchum, Clerk, and Brother Thad Spain, Assistant Clerk.

4. Motion carried that the Moderator make all temporary appointments. They were made as follows:

Committee for Preaching: Brethren J. N. Griffith, Luther Hall, E. J. Taylor.

Committee on Arrangements: Brethren G. C. Harris, J. H. Owen, W. P. Phillips, and officers of the Association.

Finance Committee: Brethren Robert L. Dyer, Leonard Page, Onis Martin.

Committee for distribution of Minutes: Brethren Thad Spain, Otis Garner.

5. Called for and seated correspondents and visitors from sister Associations as follows:

Lower Mayo: Elders N. B. Gilbert, R. D. Bell, S. L. Gilbert, W. J. Puckett, W. H. Freeman, J. G. Gardner, Brethren, Lester Stewart, E. S. Stowe and wife, and others.

Moved, seconded and carried that we seat the Lower Mayo Association with the consideration that their churches have in their conferences dropped Goodwill Church from their fellow-

ship until order is restored.

Laurel Springs: Elders E. G. Hall, Joe Boles, J. C. Dunbar, C. E. Newman, Brother E. R. Snead and wife.

Abbott's Creek: Elders S. T. Atkinson and wife, Brother A. D. Harward and wife and daughter.

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Mill Branch: Elder L. G. Mishoe, Brethren E. L. Vaught, L. N. Vaught, M. K. Alford, M. J. Hurdy, Sister E. L. Vaught.

New River: Elders Gold Thompson, G. P. Harris, Brother Noah Harris and wife, Brother J. S. Phillips, Sister Gold Thompson, and others.

Mates Creek: File of Minutes.

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White Oak: File of Minutes.

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Seven Mile: Minutes.

Lower County Line: Elders C. E. Thomas, F. W. Rhodes, Brother E. D. Hill and wife, Brother G. B. Walker and wife, Brother Harry Daganhart, Brother Jack Hawkins, Brother Robert Hawkins, and Sister Hawkins.

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Little River: Elder T. Floyd Adams, Brother E. B. Pierce and wife.

Mt. Enon: Brother and Sister W. G. McClelland, Brother C. E. Pollard.

Center Church: Brethern Lem Koger, S. L. Cassell and wife, Brother Leonard Cassel and wife, and others.

6. Motion passed that we adjourn until 9:30 Saturday morning. Dismissed with prayer by Elder D. G. Staples.

SATURDAY MORNING, June 9, 1956.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and the business conference was opened with song and prayer by Elder G. P. Harris.

1. Called the roll of church messengers and marked absentees.

2. Call for report of Committee on Arrangements. They reported no business claiming their attention, and were discharged.

3. Called for the report of the Finance Committee. They gave their report as follows:

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| Received from the churches | $211.00 |
| Received from friends | 93.05 |
| Total | $304.05 |

4. Moved and passed that these funds be disposed of in the following ways:

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| Allowed for printing and mailing Minutes | $ 50.00 |
| Gave the Moderator | 10.00 |
| Gave the Clerk | 10.00 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 18.85 |
| Gave to visiting Elders | 215.20 |
| Total | $304.05 |

Balance left in hands of Clerk, none.

4. A. We agreed to divide all funds left over after Association expenses were paid, among our visiting Elders on the basis of distance travelled.

5. Called for delegates to corresponding Associations to report, and appointed delegates as follows:

Lower Mayo: Elders R. S. Smith, R. M. Flinchum, Brethren Onis Martin, Leonard Page.

White Oak: Elders J. P. Pulliam, R. S. Smith, Brother Otis Garner.

Laurel Springs: Elders R. M. Flinchum, R. S. Smith, Brethren J. H. Owen, R. L. Dyer, Bill Wyatt.

Mates Creek: Elder Emmett Stone.

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Seven Mile: File of Minutes.

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Blue Ridge: Brethren Bill Wyatt, Luther Hall, A. A. Sigman, Elders R. S. Smith, J. P. Pulliam.

Mt. Enon: Elder R. S. Smith, Brother Onis Martin.

6. Motion carried that the Clerk have 750 copies of these Minutes printed and mailed to our churches and correspondents.

7. Motion passed that the next session of our Association be held with the Church at Draper, Rockingham County, North Carolina.

8. Motion carried that Elder T. L. Willard preach the Introductory Sermon and that Elder R. S. Smith be his alternate in 1957.

9. Motion passed to omit reading the Minutes and to give the Clerk authority to make any minor changes he may deem necessary.

10. Moved and carried that the Clerk have a full list of names and addresses of visiting Elders inserted in the Minutes.

11. Moved and carried to adjourn till time and place of our next session. Dismissed with prayer by Elder J. C. Dunbar.

ELDER R. S. SMITH, Moderator
ELDER ROY M. FLINCHUM, Clerk
DEACON THAD SPAIN, Ass't. Clerk

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Resolved that we bow, we hope, in humble thanksgiving to our heavenly Father for His abundant mercy and lovingkindness to us all. We desire to thank the Fair Funeral Home for their kindness in furnishing us with chairs, and we want to thank everyone in the community who in any way have contributed to making this another wonderful Association.

## ORDINATION OF BROTHER G. C. HARRIS

On Saturday night, September 10, 1955, a presbytery of Elders and Deacons was organized, by request of the church at Draper, N. C., to inquire into the qualifications of Brother George C. Harris for the

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Done by the order of the Church at Draper, September 10, 1955.

ELDER R. M. FLINCHUM, Moderator of the Presbytery
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Elder Fred W. Rhodes, Praise and prayer.

Elder Emmett Stone, Introductory Sermon, 1 Cor. 15:1.

Friday Afternoon:

Elder T. F. Adams, 2 Peter 2.

Elder C. D. Whitley, no special text.

Elder W. P. Lamm, no special text.

Elder R. F. Keaton, no special text.

Elder S. T. Curlee, John 3:5.

Elder L. B. Hylton, no special text.

Saturday Morning:

Elder U. C. Young, no special text.

Elder W. E. Hylton, Eph. 2:8.

Elder H. D. Prilliman, no special text.

Elder S. T. Atkinson, God commendeth His love to us.

Elder J. A. Martin, Inquire for the old way.

Saturday Afternoon:

Brother Jack Hawkins, Matt. 15:18.

Elder Gold Thompson, Jer. 1:7.

Elder Carl Newman, no special text.

Elder J. G. Gardner, excused himself.

Elder W. E. Branch, Matt. 25:35.

Elder Benny Clifton, Jer. 31:3.

Elder W. H. Freeman, Gen. 1:3.

Elder D. G. Staples, no special text.

Elder Joe Boles, excused himself.

Elder C. E. Thomas, Eccl. 3:1-5.

Elder L. G. Mishoe, dismissed with prayer.

Sunday Morning:

Elder G. W. Hill, opened service with song and prayer.

Elder G. P. Harris, Behold what a great matter a little fire kindleth.

Elder F. W. Rhodes, Without Me, ye can do nothing.

Elder J. C. Dunbar, no special text.

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder L. G. Mishoe, failed to get text.

Elder G. W. Hill, James 1:16.

Elder R. D. Bell, no special text.

Elder Joe Boles, no special text.

Preaching service closed by lining and singing of hymn, Beside the gospel pool, by Elder N. B. Gilbert, and prayer by Elder W. J. Puckett.

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| SPRAY | W. N. Tilley, Boone Rd. | J. M. Griffith, R. A. Poteet, Onis | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Elder R. S. Smith .... | Leaksville, N. C. ..... | Martin, Eld. R. S. Smith, alt. .... | May | 3 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 2 | 81 | $75.00 |
| DRAPER | Thad Spain 215 W. Vir- | Thad Spain, R. M. Flinchum, G. C. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Elder R. M. Flinchum | ginia Ave. Draper N. C. | Harris, Emmett Hall, alt. ..... | Oct. | 2 | 2 | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 2 | 36 | 25.00 |
| CASCADE | E. J. Taylor, | E. J. Taylor, J. H. Owen, A. A. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Elder R. S. Smith .... | Cascade, Va. | Sigman, R. L. Dyer, alt. ..... | Aug. | 1 | 2 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 26 | 60.00 |
| WILLIAMSBURG | Ollie Southard, | Luther Hall, Leonard Page, W. P. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Elder R. S. Smith .... | Rt. 5, Reidsville N. C. | Phillips, Otis Garner, alt. ..... | June | 4 | 1 | .. | 4 | .. | 1 | .. | .. | 20 | 40.00 |

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# *Minutes*

OF THE

Sixth

Annual Session

OF THE

# Dan Valley

## Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## The Church at Draper

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 7, 8, 9,

# 1957

The Lord willing, the next session will be held with the Church at Williamsburg, Rockingham County, N. C., beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in June, 1958.

### OFFICERS

ELDER R. S. SMITH - Moderator,.... Cascade, Virginia

ELDER ROY M. FLINCHUM - Clerk, 317 E. Meadow Rd., Draper, North Carolina

DEACON THAD SPAIN - Assistant Clerk, 215 W. Virginia Avenue, Draper, North Carolina

THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST PUBLISHING HOUSE
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# *Proceedings*

## OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE DAN VALLEY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**Held with the Church at Draper,**
**Rockingham County, N. C.**
**June 7, 8, 9, 1957**

FRIDAY MORNING, June 7, 1957.

Services were opened with song and prayer by Elder S. T. Atkinson of Abbott's Creek Association, and the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder T. L. Willard, no special text.

After an intermission for lunch the messengers of the churches composing the Association, together with the delegates and visitors from sister Associations met in the house, and the Association was opened with song and prayer by Elder T. F. Adams of Little River Association.

1. Letters from our churches were called for, received and read by the Clerk, and the names of all messengers recorded in the Statistical Table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

3. Re-elected Elder R. S. Smith Moderator, R. M. Flinchum Clerk, and Brother Thad Spain Assistant Clerk.

4. Motion carried that the Moderator make all the temporary appointments. They were made as follows: Committee on Arrangements: Brethren J. E. Hall, J. M. Griffith, and Elder G. E. Frazier, and Association officers. Committee for Preaching: E. J. Taylor, Leonard Page, Onis Martin. Committee for distribution of Minutes: G. C. Harris, R. A. Poteat, Otis Garner. Committee on Finance: Brethren R. L. Dyer, J. M. Griffith, J. H. Owen.

5. Called for and seated correspondents and visitors from sister associations as follows:

Lower Mayo: Elders N. B. Gilbert, S. L. Gilbert, W. H. Freeman, J. G. Gardner and many others.

Laurel Springs: Elders J. C. Dunbar, E. G. Hall, Brother E. S. Smith, Brother J. W. Williams and others.

Abbott's Creek: Elder S. T. Atkinson.

Elkhorn: Elder J. A. Martin, Brethren J. T. Craft, J. E. Lawless, Sister Minnie Young.

Mill Branch: Elder L. G. Mishoe, Brother M. A. Hurdy, Brother B. C. Jenerette and wife.

New River: Elder G. P. Harris, Brethren Clifton Harris, N. C. Harris, Charles Watson.

Mates Creek: Elder Cecil Scott, Sister J. J. Staten.

Salem: Elder R. F. Keaton, Brother W. L. Garner, Brother Lester Wood, Elder D. G. Staples, Brother Harry Dagenhart and others.

White Oak: File of minutes.

Bear Creek: Elders C. D. Whitley, Brother W. H. Green.

Seven Mile: Elder E. L. Ferguson, Brother A. B. Lamb.

Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin, Brethren A. J. Hill and wife, George Walker and wife, Brother Paul Wilson.

Blue Ridge: Elders H. D. Prilliman, U. C. Young, Brother Jackson Via, Noel Tilley and others.

Black Creek: Brethren J. T. Boyette, W. D. Daniels and their wives.

Little River: Elder T. F. Adams, Brother E. B. Pierce and wife, C. E. Pollard and wife.

Mt. Enon: Minutes.

Center Church: Brother L. L. Cassell and wife, Lester Cassell and wife, Elder Dan Helms and others.

6. Motion passed that we adjourn until 9:30 Saturday morning, dismissed with prayer by Elder H. D. Prilliman.

SATURDAY MORNING, June 8.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and the business conference was opened with song and prayer by Elder G. P. Harris of the New River Association.

1. Called roll of church messengers, all present.

2. Called for report of Committee on Arrangements. They reported no business claiming their attention and were discharged.

3. Called for report of the Finance Committee. They gave the following report:

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| Received from the churches | $197.00 |
| Received from friends | 78.70 |
| Total | $275.70 |

4. Moved and passed that these funds be used as follows:

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| For printing and mailing minutes | $ 50.00 |
| Gave Moderator | 10.00 |
| Gave Clerk | 10.00 |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 68.00 |
| Gave to visiting elders | 137.70 |
| Total | $275.70 |

Balance left in hands of Clerk—None.

4. (a) Agreed that we divide all funds available, among our visiting Elders on the basis of distance traveled, after Association expenses are paid.

5. Called for delegates to corresponding associations to report and appointed delegates as follows:

Lower Mayo: Elder R. S. Smith, Brethren Emmett Hall, Leonard Page, R. L. Dyer.

White Oak: Elders J. P. Pulliam, R. S. Smith, Brother Otis Garner.

Laurel Springs: Brethren Luther Hall, J. H. Owen, Elder R. S. Smith, Brother R. L. Dyer.

Mates Creek: Elder J. P. Pulliam, Brother Otis Garner.

Mill Branch: Brother R. L. Dyer, Elder R. S. Smith, J. H. Owen.

Salem: Brethren J. H. Owen, R. L. Dyer, Elder G. E. Frazier, Emmett Hall.

Abbott's Creek: Brother Joe Hilliard, Elder J. P. Pulliam, Brother R. L. Dyer.

New River: Brethren J. H. Owen, Luther Hall, Elder J. P. Pulliam, Elder R. S. Smith.

Elkhorn: Elder R. S. Smith.

Lower Country Line: Elders G. E. Frazier, R. S. Smith, J. P. Pulliam, Brother Otis Garner.

Bear Creek: Elder J. P. Pulliam, Elder R. S. Smith, Brother Otis Garner.

Seven Mile: Minutes.

Little River: Elder J. P. Pulliam, Brother J. H. Owen, Elders R. S. Smith, R. M. Flinchum.

Black Creek: Elders R. S. Smith, J. P. Pulliam, Brother Otis Garner.

Blue Ridge: Elders G. E. Frazier, R. S. Smith, Brethren Emmett Hall, Onis Martin, J. H. Owen.

Mt. Enon: File of minutes.

Center Church: File of minutes.

6. Motion passed that the Clerk have 750 copies of the minutes printed and mailed to our churches and correspondents.

7. Motion carried that the next session of our Association be held with the Church at Williamsburg, Rockingham County, North Carolina.

8. Motion passed that Elder R. S. Smith preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Elder Roy M. Flinchum be his alternate in 1958.

9. Motion passed to omit reading of the minutes, and to give the Clerk authority to make any minor changes he may think necessary.

10. Moved and passed that the Clerk continue to have a list of names and addresses of visiting Elders inserted in the Minutes.

11. Moved and carried to adjourn until time and place of our next session. Dismissed with prayer by Elder L. P. Martin.

ELDER R. S. SMITH, Moderator
ELDER ROY M. FLINCHUM, Clerk
DEACON THAD SPAIN, Ass't. Clerk

Way Bill to Association: Williamsburg Church is located about half way between Reidsville and Burlington, N. C., on Highway 87 and 150.

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS

May our hearts be bowed down again in humble reverence, praise, and glory to our God who doeth all things well. We feel that we can truly witness with the sweet psalmist who said, How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

We thank his honor, the Mayor of Draper, for his very nice contribution to our Association. We wish again to offer our thanks to the Fair Funeral Home for their kindness and co-operation in furnishing us chairs during this session, as has been their custom in the past.

To all our brethren, sisters and friends of the tri-cities and surrounding community, thank you one and all for your wonderful hospitality in caring for our visiting kindred in the Lord.

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## RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Our Brother Deacon, John Curtis Hall, age 83, died suddenly at his home, 806 Watson Street, Reidsville, North Carolina, Saturday afternoon, September 8 at 4:30 following a heart attack.

He had been in declining health for several years. A native of Patrick County, Va., he moved to Reidsville in 1938. He was a farmer until his retirement a few years ago. He was a member, and deacon of the Williamsburg Primitive Baptist Church. He was twice married, his first wife, the former Bertie Ann Newman, who died in 1936.

He is survived by his second wife, the former Myrtle Wray of Reidsville, N. C., three sons, six daughters, one brother, six sisters, thirty-two grandchildren, and fourteen great grandchildren.

There are many things, if favored to that end, that could be said in regard to Brother Hall's faith. His hope, his firm belief in God and his great love for the doctrine of salvation by the grace of God. He was a man that was firm in his convictions and was not ashamed of the God that, we have often heard him say, had been so good to him. And it seemed his suffering here made his faith stronger and his hope more precious. I have seen him rejoice many times when he was blessed to hear the joyful sound. He always attended his meetings when he was able and dearly loved his church.

We, the Church at Williamsburg, have lost a precious member. We feel our loss is his eternal gain.

His funeral was conducted by his pastor, Elder Roy Smith, assisted by Elders George Hill, R. D. Belle, and Noel Gilbert. May the Lord

in His mercy comfort, and reconcile his companion, the children, and all who mourn his passing.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That we bow in humble submission to the will of God who doeth all things well.

2. That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family.

3. That a copy of the resolutions be sent to his companions, a copy recorded in our church records, a copy to our association, and a copy to be sent to Zion's Landmark for publication.

Done by order of Williamsburg Church.

Elder Roy S. Smith, Moderator
Ollie Southard, Clerk

## ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning.

Elder T. L. Willard, introductory, no special text.

Friday Afternoon:

Elder E. L. Ferguson, text, Rev. 4:5.
Elder S. T. Atkinson, "Not my will but thine be done"
Elder T. F. Adams, Isaiah 48:45.
Elder J. C. Dunbar, excused himself.
Elder R. F. Keaton, no special text.
Elder J. A. Martin, dismissed with prayer.

Saturday Morning:

Elder W. H. Freeman, failed to get text.
Elder U. C. Young, failed to get text.
Elder C. D. Whitley, "Fear not little flock, etc."

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder L. P. Martin, Jer. 32:13.
Elder Cecil Scott, no special text.
Elder C. S. Farmer, "Be ye followers of Christ."
Elder D. G. Staples, no special text.
Elder H. D. Prilliman, no special text.
Elder F. W. Rhodes, no special text.
Elder Bennie Clifton, "What is to be will be."
Elder G. P. Harris, dismissed with prayer.

Sunday Morning:

Elder N. B .Gilbert, opened with song and prayer.
Elder J. G. Gardner, 1 Pet. 1:18-20.
Elder J. A. Martin, no special text.
Elder L. G. Mishoe, Jer. 2:3.
Elder G. P. Harris, 1 Cor. 15:16.

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder F. W. Rhodes, no special text.
Brother Jack Hawkins, no special text.
Elder J. T. Jones, 2 Pet. 2:9.
Elder Dan Helms, no special text.
Elder Albert Doss, excused himself.
Elder R. D. Bell, dismissed with prayer.

## VISITING MINISTERS

Elder T. F. Adams, Willow Springs, N. C.
Elder S. T. Atkinson, Sr., 2101 Guyer St., High Point, N. C.
Elder Bennie Clifton, Vesta, Va.
Elder J. C. Dunbar, Rt. 4, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Elder W. H. Freeman, 111 Countryside Dr. High Point N. C.
Elder J. G. Gardner, R. F. D. Stoneville, N. C.
Elder E. G. Hall, 45 Victor St., Spray, N. C.
Elder G P. Harris, Radford, Va.
Elder R. F. Keaton, Rt. 2, Box 301, Brown Summitt, N. C.
Elder H. D. Prilliman, Collinsville, Va.
Elder D. G. Staples, 2304 Springarden, Greensboro, N. C.
Elder C. D .Whitley, Rt. 1, Oakboro, N. C.
Elder N. B. Gilbert, 704 E. 13th St. Winston Salem, N. C.
Elder U. C. Young, Bassett, Va.
Elder R. D. Bell, Mayodan, N. C.
Elder W. J. Puckett, R. F. D., Pine Hall, N. C.
Elder J. A. Martin, Rt. 1, Lester, W. Va,
Elder S .L. Gilbert, P. O. Box 2629, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder F. W. Rhodes. 26-C Holman St., Durham, N. C.
Elder L. G. Mishoe, Rt. 1, Myrtle Beach, S. C.
Elder Albert Doss, Rt. 1, Evington, Va.
Elder Dan Helms, Bassett, Va.
Elder Bob Dalton, Lawsonville, N. C.
Elder J. T. Jones, Marshville, N. C.
Elder Cecil Scott, Box 83, Canada, Ky.
Elder E. L. Ferguson, Irwin, N. C.
Elder C. S. Farmer, Randleman, N. C.
Elder L. P. Martin, Roxboro, N. C.

**Licentiates:**

Brother Leonard Cassell, Center Church.
Brother Charles Watson, New River Association.
Brother Fcra Koger, Center Church.
Brother Lester G. Stewart, Lower Mayo Association.

## HOME MINISTERS, AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Roy S. Smith, Cascade, Va.
Elder Roy M. Flinchum, 317 E. Meadow Rd., Draper, N. C.
Elder J. P. Pulliam, 100 Water St., Spray, N. C.
Elder Emmett Stone, Fieldale, Va.
Elder T. L. Willard, P. O. Box 151, Spray, N. C.
Elder G. E. Frazier, 426 W. Virginia Ave., Draper, N. C.

## DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

New River—Cecil C. Phillips, Snowville, Va. ..... 25
Little River—Elder T. F. Adams, Willow Springs, N. C. ..... 30
Salem—Elder A. B. Barham, 141 Dogwood Dr., Burlington, N. C. 30
White Oak—L. E. Bryan, Beulaville, N. C. ..... 25
Laurel Springs—E. R. Snead, State Road, N. C. ..... 25
Lower Country Line—Reuben Bowes, Roxboro, N. C. ..... 25
Elkhorn—Eld. L. B. Hylton, Rt. 1, Box 285, Princeton, W. Va. ... 25
Bear Creek—Troy A. Williams, Rt. Monroe, N. C. ..... 25
Mates Creek—Mrs. Lula Stanley, McAndrews, Ky. ..... 20
Abbott's Creek—R. L. Comer, Rt. 1, Carthage, N. C. ..... 30
Lower Mayo—Elder James Gardner, Stoneville, N. C. ..... 25
Blue Ridge—Jackson Via. Rt. 2, Stuart, Va. ..... 25
Black Creek—John T. Boyett, Wilson, N. C. ..... 25
Mill Branch—E. L. Vaught, Rt. 2, Loris S. C. ..... 25
Seven Mile—Elder B. L. Godwin, Coats, N. C. ..... 25
Center Church—Leonard Cassell, Rt. 2, Bassett, Va. ..... 20
Mt. Enon—Elder S. D. Murphy, 7514 40th St., Tampa 4, Fla. ..... 20
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## MINUTES TO OUR CHURCHES

Spray—J. M. Griffith, 107 Byrd St., Draper, N. C. ..... 85
Draper—Deacon Thad Spain, 215 W. Virginia Ave Draper, N. C. .. 36
Cascade—E. J. Taylor, Cascade, Va. ..... 26
Williamsburg—Mrs. Claude L. Southard, Rt. 5, Reidsville, N. C. .. 20

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when about to speak.
4. The person speaking shall not be interrupted by any except the Moderator until he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise shall he reflect upon the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failures and imperfections, but shall fully state the case and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his address.
6. No person shall rise and break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained to do so.
7. No member shall rise and speak more than three times on any subject without permission from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor of whispering in the time of public speech.
9. No person of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation than that of brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives light on the subject, except when he breaks the rules of the Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerks as often as the Association may require.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege to speak as are the other members, provided that the chair be filled; and he shall have no vote except the Association is equally divided. In that event he shall cast the deciding vote.

13. Any member of this Association who shall withdraw from any of these rules shall be dealt with as the Association may think proper.

14. The Association maintains the right to withdraw from any church which may be in disorder, or that deviates from the orthodox principles and doctrines of religion, either in faith or practice.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

2. We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the testimonies of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe that all mankind is in a fallen state by nature, and consequently in a state of condemnation; the man cannot recover himself from the state by his own free will and ability.

4. We believe that sinners are justified by faith, and accounted righteous before God only by the imputed righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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| Draper<br>Elder R. M. Flinchum | Thad Spain ..... | G. C. Harris, Eld. G. E. Frazier, Eld. R. M. Flinchum, E. Hall, alt. . | Oct. | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 35 | 38.00 |
| Williamsburg<br>Elder R. S. Smith ... | Ollie Southard ..... | Luther Hall, Leonard Page, Otis Garner, W. P. Phillips, alt. ..... | June | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 23 | 40.00 |
| Cascade<br>Elder R. S. Smith ... | E. J. Taylor ..... | E. J. Taylor, R. L. Dyer, J. H. Owen, A. A. Sigman ..... | Aug. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 25 | 54.00 |

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OF THE

## Seventh

## Annual Session

OF THE

# Dan Valley

## Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

## Williamsburg

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,
JUNE 6, 7, 8,

# 1958

The Lord willing, the next session will be held with the Church at Cascade, Virginia, Pittslyvania County, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in June 1959.

OFFICERS

ELDER R. S. SMITH - Moderator, Cascade, Virginia
DEACON LUTHER HALL - Clerk, Rt. 1, Reidsville, N. C.
DEACON THAD SPAIN - As't. Clerk 215 W. Virginia Av. Draper, N. C.

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# *Proceedings*

## OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE DAN VALLEY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT WILLIAMSBURG, ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, N. C. JUNE 6, 7, 8, 1958.

FRIDAY MORNING, June 6, 1958.

Services were opened with song and prayer by Elder J. P. Pulliam, of the Dan Valley Association, and the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder R. S. Smith, no special text.

After an intermission for lunch the messengers of the churches composing the Association met in the house, and the Association was opened with song and prayer by Elder Emmett Stone of the Dan Valley Association.

1. Letters from our churches were called for, received and read by the Assistant Clerk, and the names of all messengers recorded in the Statistical Table.

2. Motion made and carried to drop the name of Draper Church from the list of our churches, and also the names of Elder Roy M. Flinchum and Elder Edd Frazier because the others churches of the Association had previously withdrawn from the disorder at Draper in their conference meeting.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

4. Re-elected Elder R. S. Smith, Moderator, Deacon Luther C. Hall, Clerk, and Deacon Thad Spain, Assistant Clerk.

5. Motion carried that the Moderator make all the temporary appointments. They were made as follows:

Committee on Arrangements: E. J. Taylor, Cascade, Va; J. M. Griffith, Spray, N. C.; Brother Leonard Page, Williamsburg, together with Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, and all Elders of Dan Valley Association.

Committee on Preaching: J. H. Owen, Cascade; Sister Ollie Southard, Williamsburg; and Onis Martin, Spray.

Committee for Distribution of Minutes: Brother A. A. Sigman and Brother Leonard Page.

Committee of Finance: Onis Martin, Luther C. Hall, and J. H. Owens.

6. Motion passed to refer the matter of seating correspondents to the Committee on Arrangements for recommendation.

7. Motion passed that we adjourn until 9:30 Saturday morning, dismissed with prayer by Elder T. L. Willard.

SATURDAY MORNING, June 7, 1958.

The Asociation met pursuant to adjournment, and the business conference was opened with song and prayer by Elder T. L. Willard.

1. Called roll of church messengers. All present.

2. Called for report of Committee on Arrangements: We, the Committee on Arrangements, recommend that due to the confusion existing among some of our correspndents, we do not call for correspondence, nor appoint any for this year 1958 only, in order to give them more time to consider the matter. We recommend that a letter of explanation be inserted in this Minute, and also a file of Minutes be sent each of our correspondents as in the past.

## TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS

We wish to make clear to you the reason why we, at this session of the Dan Valley Association, have handled the matter of correspondence as we have.

In January 1958, we had one of our churches, to-wit: Draper. commit an act of disorder, by suddenly and without just cause cutting itself off from another church, to-wit: Spray, without leaving any avenue open for labor, nor notifying the Church at Spray of their intentions before the fact, nor even notifying her after the fact of what she had done, but rather began sending false statements to brethren among you, our correspondents. This necessitated a withdrawal by the other churches of the Dan Valley Association, which was accomplished and completed on February 1, 1958.

Immediately thereafter, there were some members of an Association who went out from us in 1952, joined forces with some excluded Elders and outsiders and some Elders among our correspondents that took advantage of this matter to further some personal interest. They started a campaign in opposition to what we have had to do and by so doing have left a trail of confusion and misunderstanding in their wake. They have disregarded the order and discipline of the Church by refusing to recognize our right to deal with our own affairs.

The responsibility of this confusion in other Associations (and in some cases, outright trouble) has been greatly furthered by the reluctance (or outright refusal) of some of the leading Elders among our correspondents to commit themselves and recognize our order and let their members know where they stand.

We feel, and hereby declare, that we have conducted ourselves in this matter according to gospel order, and what we have done is not without precedent as you can examine your records, and you will find that you, too, have at one time or another had to withdraw from churches in your Association because of disorder. We cannot feel that we should be censored for doing what has been recognized in the past as order among you.

Because of the above mentioned confusion in, and among some of our correspondents, we decided upon the course we have taken in handling our correspondence for this year, rather than make it embarrassing to you and to us.

We have put up no bars of fellowship to our correspondents and although we appointed none to visit your Association this year, we want you to know we have not dropped correspondence with you.

There have been no charges, nor grievances brought against either of our Churches; nor against any of our members—a record of which we are duly proud,— and we want you to note that if there had been any charges brought, they would have been diligently handled in the best possible manner according to gospel order.

We hope you may soon get over the confusion some have caused in your midst concerning a matter which was, and is only our concern and which we have settled, and are in peace and fellowship concerning.

2a. Recommendation of the committee was unanimously passed. The report of the committee was received and the committee was discharged.

3. Called for report of the Finance Committee. They gave the following report:

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|---|---|
| Received from the churches | $120.00 |
| Received from friends | 25.27 |
| Total | $145.27 |

4. Moved and passed that these funds be used as follows:

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|---|---|
| For printing and mailing minutes | 50.00 |
| Gave Moderator | 10.00 |
| Gave Clerk | 10.00 |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 5.00 |
| Balance in hands of Committee | $70.27 |
| Total | 145.27 |

Balance left in hands of Clerk—None.

4a. Moved and seconded that the balance of the funds be left in the hands of the Finance Committee to dispose of as they see fit.

5. Send file of minutes to our correspondents as follows:

Lower Mayo, White Oak, Laurel Springs, Mates Creek, Mill Branch, Salem, Abbott's Creek, New River, Elkhorn, Lower Country Line, Bear Creek, Seven Mile, Little River, Black Creek, Blue Ridge and Mt. Enon.

6. Motion passed that the Clerk have 750 copies of the minutes printed and mailed to our churches and correspondents.

7. Motion carried that the next session of our Association be held with the Church at Cascade, Va., Pittsylvania County.

8. Motion passed that Eld. J. P. Pulliam preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Elder Emmett Stone be his alternate in 1959.

9. Motion passed to omit reading of the minutes, and to give the Clerk authority to make any minor changes he may think necessary.

10. Moved and passed that the Clerk have inserted in the minutes the same list of Elders as of last year.

11. Motion passed that our Clerk write a letter of notification to our corresponding Associations notifying them of the change in Clerk.

12. Motion passed that the Clerk be authorized to put in the minutes a resolution of thanks.

13. Moved and carried to adjourn until time and place of our next session. Dismissed with prayer by Elder Emmett Stone.

ELDER R. S. SMITH, Moderator
DEACON LUTHER C. HALL, Clerk
DEACON THAD SPAIN, Assistant Clerk

Way-Bill to Association: Cascade Church is located one mile east of Cascade, Virginia.

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS

May our hearts be bowed again in humble reverence, praise and glory to our God who doeth all things well. We feel that we can truly witness with the sweet psalmist who said, How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

We thank Mr. Lamb, principal of the Williamsburg School for making it possible for us to have the use of the school. We also wish to thank Eggleston Brothers Oil Company for the ice they furnished us.

To all our brethren, sisters and friends of the Williamsburg and surrounding community, thank you one and all for your wonderful hospitality in caring for our visiting kindred in the Lord.

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## ORDER OFPREACHING

**Friday Evening:**

Elder Roy S. Smith, Introductory, failed to get text.

**Friday Afternoon:**

Elder Emmett Stone, failed to get text.
Elder R. S. Smith, dismissed with prayer.

**Saturday Morning:**

Elder J. P. Pulliam, St. Matthew
Elder T. L. Williard, Romans 8.

**Saturday Afternoon:**

Elder Jimmy Gardner, Psa. 25:1
Elder Roy S. Smith, John 6, "Murmur not among yourselves."
Elder Emmett Stone, dismissed with prayer.

**Sunday Morning:**

Elder Emmett Stone, opened with song and prayer.
Elder Jimmy Gardner, Thess. 4:13
Elder Roy S. Smith, Luke 15:11-18
Association was dismissed by Elder Roy S. Smith.

## VISITING MINISTERS

Elder J. G. Gardner, R.F.D., Stoneville, N. C.

## HOME MINISTERS, AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Roy S. Smith, Cascade, Va.
Elder J. P. Pulliam, 100 Water St., Spray, N. C.
Elder Emmett Stone, Fieldale, Va.
Elder T. L. Willard, P. O. Box 151, Spray, N. C.

## DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

New River—Cecil C. Phillips, Snowville, Va. ..... 25
Little River—Elder T. F. Adams, Willow Springs, N. C. ..... 30
Salem—Elder A. B. Barham, 141 Dogwood Dr., Burlington, N. C. 30
White Oak—L. E. Bryan, Beulaville, N. C. ..... 25
Laurel Springs—E. R. Snead, State Road, N. C. ..... 25
Lower Country Line—Reuben Bowes, Roxboro, N. C. ..... 25
Elkhorn—Eld. L. B. Hylton, Rt. 1, Box 285, Princeton, W. Va. ... 25
Bear Creek—Troy A. Williams, Rt. Monroe, N. C. ..... 25
Mates Creek—Mrs. Lula Stanley, McAndrews, Ky. ..... 20
Abbott's Creek—R. L. Comer, Rt. 1, Carthage, N. C. ..... 30
Lower Mayo—Elder James Gardner, Stoneville, N. C. ..... 25
Blue Ridge—Jackson Via. Rt. 2, Stuart, Va. ..... 25
Black Creek—John T. Boyett, Wilson, N. C. ..... 25
Mill Branch—E. L. Vaught, Rt. 2, Loris S. C. ..... 25
Seven Mile—Elder B. L. Godwin, Coats, N. C. ..... 25
Mt. Enon—Elder S. D. Murphy, 7514 40th St., Tampa 4, Fla. ..... 20
Library of University of N. C. ..... 2

## MINUTES TO OUR CHURCHES

Spray—J. M. Griffith, 107 Byrd St., Draper, N. C. ..... 85
Cascade—E. J. Taylor, Cascade, Va. ..... 26
Williamsburg—Mrs. Claude L. Southard, Rt. 5, Reidsville, N. C. .. 20

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when about to speak.

4. The person speaking shall not be interrupted by any except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise shall he reflect upon the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failures and imperfections, but shall fully state the case and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his address.

6. No person shall rise and break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained to do so.

7. No member shall rise and speak more than three times on any subject without permission from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor of whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No person of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives light on the subject, except when he breaks the rules of the Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerks as often as the Association may require.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege to speak as are the other members, provided that the chair be filled; and he shall have no vote except the Association is equally divided. In that event he shall cast the deciding vote.

13. Any member of this Association who shall withdraw from any of these rules shall be dealt with as the Association may think proper.

14. The Association maintains the right to withdraw from any church which may be in disorder, or that deviates from the orthodox principles and doctrines of religion, either in faith or practice.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

2. We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the testimonies of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe that all mankind is in a fallen state by nature, and consequently in a state of condemnation; the man cannot recover himself from the state by his own free will and ability.

4. We believe that sinners are justified by faith, and accounted righteous before God only by the imputed righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. We believe in election according to the foreknowledge of God, the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

6. We believe the saints are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, and that they never finally fall away.

7. We believe that all the regenerated are created in Christ Jesus unto good works, and good works follow faith as a fruit of it, and, that God works in all His people both to will and to do His own good pleasure, and that it is by our fruits that we are known.

8. We believe that a church of Jesus Christ is a company of believers, baptized upon a profession of their faith in Christ, contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, and remaining pure and holy, ordaining as they have been delivered.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Gospel, and that true believers are the only proper subjects; and that the only true mode of baptism is immersion, and that the washing of the saints' feet is an example.

10. We believe there will be a resurrection of the bodies of all men, both the just and unjust; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel except he has come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery, and at the time is in fellowship with the church.

12. Ordered that we do not now, and never did have fellowship with secret organizations or any other institution of man.

## STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES PASTORS AND CLERKS | NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS | Annual Meeting | Sun. of Meeting | Rec. by Baptism | Rec. by Letter | Rec'd. by Relation | Excluded | Deceased | Total Membership | Contribution |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SPRAY—Eld. R. S. Smith ..... | | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | . | |
| J. M. Griffith ..... | J. M. Griffith, Onis Martin, R. A. Poteat, C. L. McBride, alt. . | May | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 | .. | 3 | 79 | $50.00 |
| WILLIAMSBURG— R. S. Smith. | | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | |
| Ollie Southard ..... | Luther C. Hall, Leonard Page, Ollie Southard, Emma Lovelace alt. | June | 4 | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. | 23 | 40.00 |
| CASCADE—R. S. SMITH ..... | | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | |
| E. J. Taylor .. ..... | E. J. Taylor, J. H. Owens, A. A. Sigman, Thad Spain, alt. .... | Aug. | 1 | .. | 3 | .. | 1 | .. | 27 | 30.00 |

# *Minutes*

OF THE

## Eighth
## Annual Session

OF THE

# Dan Valley
# Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## *Cascade Church*

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

FRIDAY BEFORE 2nd SUNDAY IN JUNE

1959

Next session convenes with the Church at Spray, located in Spray, N. C., Friday before the second Sunday in June.

OFFICERS

ELDER ROY SMITH - Moderator ..... Cascade, Va.
LUTHER HALL - Clerk ..... Rt. 1, Reidsville, N. C.
THAIL SPAIN - Assistant Clerk ..... Draper, N. C.

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# *Proceedings*

## OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE DAN VALLEY ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT CASCADE, PITTSSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, JUNE, 1959

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 12, 1959.

Services were opened with song and prayer by Elder Roy Smith of the Dan Valley Association and the Introductory sermon was preached by Elder Jack Pulliam.

After an intermission for lunch the messengers of the churches composing the Association met in the house and the association was opened with song and prayer by Elder T. L. Willard of the Dan Valley Association.

1. Letters from our churches were called for, received and read by the Clerk and the names of all messengers recorded in the Statistical Table. Moved and seconded the letters be received and messengers seated.

2. Called for petitionary letters, none.

3. Elder Roy S. Smith was re-elected Moderator, Brother Luther Hall was re-elected Clerk and Brother Thad Spain Assistant Clerk.

4. Motion carried that the Brother Moderator make all the temporary appointments. They were made as follows:

5. Committee on Arrangements: Bros. E. J. Taylor, Leonard Page and J. M. Griffith.

6. Committee on Preaching: Bros. Onis Martin, Thad Spain, and Luther Hall.

7. Committee for Distribution of Minutes: Bros. A. A. Sigmond, E. J. Taylor.

8. Committee on Finance: Bros. Walter Leak, Leonard Page and Onis Martin.

9. It was moved and passed to give the Moderator permission to speak and explain some of the disorderly acts that some of our sister associations have committed toward the Dan Valley Association.

10. It was moved and passed that the Dan Valley Association withdraw fellowship from the following associations:

Salem, Lower Country Line, Lower Mayo, Blue Ridge.

2. It was moved and passed that the Brother Clerk write each Clerk in the four associations notifying them of our withdrawal of fellowship, because they have received excluded members from the Dan Valley Association without ever notifying the Dan Valley Association that they had dropped correspoodence with them, of which we feel to be gross disorder, neither having declared non-fellowship for the Dan Valley Association.

Moved and passed we insert in our minutes that we have not dropped correspondence with our other sisters associations for this time, hoping that they will do the same by us and that they will consider the disorderly act of the associations that we have had to drop.

Motion passed that we adjourn until 10:30 Saturday A. M. Dismissed by prayer by Elder Roy Smith.

SATURDAY MORNING, June 13, 1959.

The Association met persuant to adjournment and the business conference was opened with song and prayer by Elder Jack Pulliam.

Called roll of church messengers.

Called for report of committee on arrangements. They reported no business.

Called for report of the Finance Committee. They gave the following report:

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|---|---|---|
| Received from the churches | $104.50 | |
| Received from friends | 38.50 | |
| Total | $143.00 | |

Moved and passed that these funds be used as follows:

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|---|---|
| For printing and mailing minutes | $50.00 |
| Gave Moderator | 10.00 |
| Gave Clerk | 10.00 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 15.00 |
| Balance in hands of committee $58.00 | |
| Total | $143.00 |

Balance left in hands of Clerk, none.

Moved and passed that the balance of the funds be left in the hands of the finance committee to dispose of as they see fit.

Send file of minutes to our correspondence as follows: White Oak, Laurel Springs, Mates Creek, Mill Branch, Abbotts Creek, New River, Elkhorn, Bear Creek, Seven Mile, Little River, Black Creek and Mt. Enon.

Motion passed that the Clerk have 500 copies of minutes printed and mailed to our churches and correspondents.

Motion carried that our next session of the Dan Valley Asso. be held with the Church at Spray, Rockingham County, N. C.

Motion passed that Elder T. L. Willard preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder Roy Smith be his alternate.

Motion passed to omit reading of the minutes and to give the Clerk authority to make any minor changes he may think necessary.

Moved and carried to adjourn until time and place of our next session. Dismissed with prayer by Elder Jack Pulliam.

ELDER ROY S. SMITH, Moderator
LUTHER HALL, Clerk
THAD SPAIN, Assistant Clerk

## ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder Jack Pulliam preached the Introductory Sermon.

Friday Evening: no preaching.

Dismissed by Elder Roy Smith.

Saturday Morning:

Preachng by Elder Roy Smith

Saturday Evening:

Preaching by Elder Jack Pulliam.

Dismissed with prayer by Elder Pulliam.

Sunday Morning:

Preaching by Elder T. L. Willard, no special text.

Elder Roy Smith, Psa. 84:10.

Sunday Evening: Elder Jack Pulliam, Isa. 55:10.

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## DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

New River—Elder Charles Watson, Rt. 2, Willis, Va. ..... 20
Little River—Elder T. F. Adams, Willow Springs, N. C. ..... 20
White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryan, Beulaville, N. C. ..... 20
Laurel Springs—E. R. Snead, State Road, N. C. ..... 20
Elk Horn—L. B. Hylton, Princeton, W. Va. ..... 20
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Seven Mile—Elder B. L. Godwin, Coats, N. C. ..... 20
Mt. Enon—Elder Doyle Murphey, 7514 40th St., Tampa 4, Fla. .. 15

## TO OUR CHURCHES

Spray Church—J. M. Griffeth, Draper, N. C. ..... 100
Cascade Church—E. J. Taylor, Cascade, Va. ..... 25
Williamsburg Church—Luther Hall, Rt. 1, Reidsville, N. C. .... 25

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11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerks as often as the Association may require.
12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege to speak as are the other members, provided that the chair be filled; and he shall have no vote except the Association be equally divided. In that event he shall cast the deciding vote.
13. Any member of this Association who shall violate any of these rules shall be dealt with as the Association may think proper.
14. The Association maintains the right to withdraw from any church which may be in disorder, or that deviates from the orthodox principles and doctrines of religion, either in faith or practice.

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4. We believe that sinners are justified by faith, and accounted righteous before God only by the imputed righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ.
5. We believe in election according to the foreknowledge of God, the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.
6. We believe the saints are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, and that they never finally fall away.
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that God works in all His people both to will and to do His own good pleasure, and that it is by our fruits that we are known.

8. We believe that a church of Jesus Christ is a company of believers, baptized upon a profession of their faith in Christ, contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, and remaining pure and holy, ordaining as they have been delivered.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Gospel, and that true believers are the only proper subjects; and that the only true mode of baptism is immersion, and that the washing of the saints' feet is an example.

10 We believe there will be a resurrection of the bodies of all men, both the just and unjust; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel except he has come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery, and at the time is in fellowship with the church.

12. Ordered that we do not now, and never did have fellowship with secret organizations or any other institution of man.

## STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES AND PASTORS | CLERKS AND ADDRESSES | NAMES OF MESSENGERS | Communion Mo. | Sun. of Meeting | Rec'd by Baptism | Rec'd by Letter | Restored to Fel. | Dis. by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Membership | Contribution |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SPRAY<br>Elder Roy Smith | J. M. Griffith, Draper, N. C. | J. M. Griffith, Onis Martin, Walter Leake .. ..... | May | 3 | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | 3 | 2 | 79 | $40.00 |
| WILLIAMSBURG<br>Elder Roy Smith | Luther Hall<br>Rt. 1, Reidsville, N. C. .... | Luther Hall, Leonard Page, Emma Lovelace .. ..... | June | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5 | | 19 | 30.00 |
| CASCADE<br>Elder Roy Smith | E. J. Taylor<br>Cascade, Va. ..... .. .. | E. J. Taylor, A. A. Sigman, Thad Spain .. . . .. | Aug. | 1 | 1 | | .. | | 6 | 2 | 20 | 34.50 |

# *Minutes*

OF THE

## Ninth

## Annual Session

OF THE

# Dan Valley

# Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## Spray

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, N. C.
JUNE,

1960

— OFFICERS —

ELDER ROY SMITH - Moderator, Cascade, Virginia
LUTHER HALL - Clerk, Rt. 1, Reidsville, North Carolina
THAD SPAIN ..... Assistant Clerk

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# Proceedings

## OF THE DAN VALLEY ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE, 1960.

Services were opened with song and prayer by C. W. Watson of Lester's Grove Church. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder T. L. Willard.

After an intermission for lunch the messengers of the churches composing the Association met in the house and the Association was opened with song and prayer by T. L. Willard of the Dan Valley Association.

1. Letters from our churches were called for, received and read by the Clerk and the names of all messengers recorded in the Statistical Table. Moved and seconded that letters be received and messengers seated.

2. Moved and passed that Elder Roy S. Smith be appointed Moderator, and Brother Luther Hall Clerk, and Brother Thad Spain, Assistant Clerk.

3. Moved, seconded and passed that the Moderator appoint all Committees. Committee on Arrangements: Brother Ollie Gilley, Brother Thad Spain, and Sister Mollie Walker. Committee on Preaching: Brother Onis Martin, Brother Walter Leak, and Brother Leonard Page. Committee on Finance: Brother E. J. Taylor, Brother Walter Leak, and Brother Luther Hall.

Agreed not to appoint a Committee to distribute Minutes.

Moved and passed unanimously that the Dan Valley Association discontinue correspondence with the following Associations for this reason that they have directly or indirectly affiliated with the Church at Draper, N. C., who has been in disorder since January, 1958:

Laurel Springs Association, Abbott's Creek, Elk Horn, Mill Branch, New River, Mates Creek, White Oak, Black Creek, Bear Creek, Little River.

Moved and passed that the Clerk write each Association a letter giving our reason for withdrawing correspondence from them.

Moved and passed that Brother C. W. Watson and wife and Deacon Claude Gardner and wife from Lester's Grove Church be seated as visitors.

Moved and passed that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 10:30.

SATURDAY, JUNE, 1960.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and the business conference was opened with song and prayer by Elder Roy Smith.

Called roll of church messengers. All present.

Called for report of committee on arrangements.

Called for report of the Finance Committee. They gave the following report.

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|---|---|---|
| Received from the churches | $ 94.00 | |
| Received from friends | 51.00 | |
| Left over from printing last year's Minutes | 2.00 | $147.00 |

Moved and passed that these funds be used as follows: For

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|---|---|---|
| For printing Minutes | 40.00 | |
| Gave the Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Gave the Clerk | 10.00 | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 9.00 | |
| Gave to preaching Elders | 78.00 | $147.00 |

Balance left in the hands of the Clerk, none.

Moved and passed that we have 250 copies of our Minutes printed.

Moved and passed that the next session of the Dan Valley Association be held at Williamsburg Church, starting on Friday morning at eleven o'clock, before the second Sunday in June 1961. Moved and passed that Elder Roy Smith preach the Introductory Sermon.

It was agreed that we have an obituary of each deceased member printed in the minutes.

Moved and seconded we adjourn until next year at Williamsburg.

## ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning—Elder T. L. Willard, Jn. 15:5
Friday Evening—Elder C. W. Watson—Eccl. 8.
Dismissed by Elder Roy S. Smith
Saturday Morning—Service was opened with song and prayer by Elder Roy Smith, followed with preaching by Elder Roy Smith, Jer. 6:16
Saturday Evening—Elder T. L. Willard, no text
Elder C. W. Watson—Gen. 8:22.
Dsmissed by Elder C. W. Watson
Sunday Morning—Service was opened with song and prayer by Elder C. W. Watson, followed with preaching by Elder T. L. Willard, Jn. 10:27
Followed by Elder Roy Smith, S. S. 3:4
Sunday Evening—Preaching by C. W. Watson, no special text.
Dismissed by Elder Roy Smith.

## IN MEMORY OF

JOHN ELZIE AARON, born Aug. 8, 1902 in Patrick Co., Va., son of Meggs and Augusta Aaron, died March 6, 1960 at Tri-City Hospital in Leaksville, N. C. He was married Oct. 30, 1921 to Edith Vest; to this union were born four children, three survive, Charles H. Aaron, of Canoga Park, Calif., Harold E. Aaron and Mrs. Mary Edith Hawkins of Leaksville, N. C. . His oldest daughter, Louise Hodges preceded him in death eight years ago. He is also survived by his wife, two brothers and five sisters. He joined the Primitive Baptist Church in Nov., 1928 and was a firm believer in salvation by the grace of God, and was faithful to his church. He was in bad health for a number of years, and seriously ill for three weeks. He suffered much, but was humble and completely reconciled to God's will.

Funeral services were conducted at his home church at Spray, March 8, 3:30, by his pastor, Elder Roy S. Smith. He was laid to rest in Dan View Cemetery. He will be missed in his church, and in his home, but we feel our loss is his eternal gain, and when my time comes to depart this world, may I be given grace as he was, to say, Welcome death, I gladly go with thee.

Written by his wife,

Edith V. Aaron

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## IN MEMORY OF SISTER STANLEY

Minnie Myrtle Page Stanley was born April 28, 1901 in Caswell County, N. C., and died May 10, 1960 at the age of 59. She united with the Primitive Baptist Church at the age of 13. She was married September 7, 1919 to Mr. Dave Stanley. Sister Stanley was a faithful member and a true believer in the doctrine of salvation by the grace of God. She was dearly loved by everybody who knew her, and especially by the members and pastor of Williamsburg Church, and will be greatly missed, but we feel our loss is her eternal gain, and may we say to her family that you have lost a most precious jewel, a good wife, and a precious mother.

Done by order of Williamsburg Church.

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## IN LOVING MEMORY OF JAMES WILLIE MARTIN

He was born September 19, 1880, and died August 3, 1959. He united with the Primitive Baptist Church of Spray, N. C., March 17, 1957. He was afflicted from having a stroke for a number of years, and was confined to the bed and wheel chair, but on the third Sunday in April, 1957. He was baptized by being carried into the water in a chair by Brother Onis Martin and Brother Walter Atkinson and was baptized by Elder Roy Smith. He was a strong believer in the Primitive Baptist doctrine.

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## IN MEMORY OF BROTHER J. M. GRIFFITH

Brother Griffith was born January 27, 1908, and died November 25, 1959. Brother Griffith was dearly loved and stood firm in the doctrine. This is a copy of a letter he wrote on October 23, 1959, before he died on November 25, 1959:

Feeling that my allotted days on earth are near at hand, I wish to say I know that I am in the hands of a merciful God that has

been so good to me all the days of my life; One that gave me a sweet hope in Him over 41 years ago, and that hope is just as precious to me now as the first day I received it, and I have no other source to look to now. The Church has been so good to me, so much better than I deserve. When I pass away, I will be carried to Faris Funeral Home and be kept there until time for my funeral at Spray Primitive Baptist Church. I hope Elder R. S. Smith will conduct the service. I don't want anything but a simple service. I don't want to be eulogized. It will be enough to say that here lies a sinner saved by grace, if saved at all. I would like for our brother deacons of Spray Church to serve as pallbearers, if they can, together with brethren Walter Atkinson and Emett Hall. If all of them cannot get there, supply with someone else. Signed: J. M. Griffith.

P. S. I would like the hymns to be used: "Amazing Grace," and "Why do we mourn departing friends?"

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## DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

New River—Elder Charles Watson, Rt. 2, Willis, Va. ..... 20
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Mill Branch—E. L. Vaught, Loris, S. C. ..... 20
Seven Mile—Elder B. L. Godwin, Coats, N. C. ..... 20
Mt. Enon—Elder Doyle Murphey, 7514 40th St., Tampa 4, Fla. .. 15

## TO OUR CHURCHES

Spray Church—J. M. Griffeth, Draper, N. C. ..... 100
Cascade Church—E. J. Taylor, Cascade, Va. ..... 25
Williamsburg Church—Luther Hall, Rt. 1, Reidsville, N. C. .... 25

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Spray Church ..... | Onis Martin, Walter Leak, Ollie Gillie, Elder T. L. Willard, alternate | 3 | 5 | .... | .... | 2 | .... | 3 | 84 | $44.00 |
| Cascade Church ..... | E. J. Taylor, A. A. Sigmond, Thad Spain, Joe Hilliard, alternate ..... | 1 | .... | 2 | .... | .... | 1 | 2 | 19 | 25.00 |
| Williamsburg Church | Luther Hall, Leonard Page, Mollie Walker, Helen Garrison, alternate | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 5 | .... | 13 | 25.00 |

# *Minutes*

OF THE

## Tenth

## Annual Session

OF THE

# Dan Valley

# Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## *The Church at*

## Williamsburg

JUNE 9, 10, 11,

1961

The Lord willing, the next session will be held with the Church at Cascade, Virginia.

— OFFICERS —

ELDER R. S. SMITH - Moderator, Cascade, Virginia
DEACON LUTHER HALL - Clerk, Rt. 1, Reidsville, N. C.
DEACON THAD SPAIN - Ass't. Clerk, 215 W. Virginia Avenue, Draper, N. C.

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# *Proceedings*

**OF THE TENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE DAN VALLEY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT WILLIAMSBURG, ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, N. C.**

**June 9, 10, 11, 1961**

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 1961

Services were opened with song and prayer by Elder C. W. Watson of Lesters Grove Church and the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Roy S. Smith; text Jeremiah 10:20.

After an intermission for lunch the messengers of the churches composing the Association met in the house, and the Association was opened with song and prayer by Elder T. L. Willard.

1. Letters from our churches were called for, received and read by Clerk, and the names of all messengers recorded in the Statistical Table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. Election of Officers: Moderator, Roy S. Smith. Clerk, Luther Hall. Assistant Clerk, Thad Spain.

4. Motion for temporary arrangements. Moderator appointed to appoint all committeemen. They were as follows: Committee on Arrangements: Sister Underwood, Brother Leonard Page, Brother Sigmon.

Committee on Preaching: Brother Walter Leak, Brother Luther Hall, Brother Walter Atkerson.

Committee of Finance: Onis Martin, E. J. Taylor, Leonard Page.

5. Called for visitors. Brother C. W. Watson and wife of Lesters Grove Church and C. E. Gardener and wife of Lesters Grove Church.

6. Motion for adjournment until 10:00 o'clock Saturday Morning. Dismissed with prayer by Elder C. W. Watson.

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 10, 1961

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and the business conference was opened with song and prayer by Elder Roy S. Smith.

Spray: Walter Atkerson, Rt. 5, Leaksville, N. C. ..... 75
Cascade: E. J. Taylor, Cascade, Va. ..... 50
Williamsburg: Luther Hall, Rt. 1, Reidsville ..... 100
Lesters Grove: Claud Gardener, River, Va. ..... 25

## STATISTICAL TABLE

WILLIAMSBURG—Pastor, Elder Roy S. Smith, Cascade, Va. Clerk, Luther Hall, Rt. 1, Reidsville, N. C. Annual meeting, 4th Sunday in June. Sunday of meeting, 4th. Rec'd by baptism, 0. Rec'd by letter, 0. Restored to fellowship, 0. Dismissed by letter, 0. Excluded, 0. Deceased, 1. Total membership 12. Contribution, $25.

Messengers: Brethren Luther Hall, Leonard Page, Sisters Hilda Underwood, Nannie Hall, alternate.

SPRAY—Pastor, Elder Roy S. Smith, Cascade, Va. Clerk, Walter Atkerson, Spray, N. C. Annual meeting, May. Sunday of meeting, 3rd. Rec'd by baptism, 1. Rec'd by letter, 0. Restored to fellowship, 0. Dismissed by letter, 0. Excluded, 6. Deceased, 1. Total membership, 75. Contribution, $40.

Messengers: Brethren Walter Atkerson, Onis Martin, Walter Leak, Ollie Gilley, alternate.

CASCADE—Pastor, Elder Roy S. Smith, Cascade, Va. Clerk, E. J. Taylor, Cascade, Va. Annual meeting, Aug. Sunday of meeting, 1st. Rec'd by baptism, 2. Rec'd by letter, 0. Restored to fellowship, 0. Dis'd by letter, 0. Excluded, 2. Deceased, 0. Total membership, 19. Contribution, $22.

Messengers: Brethren E. J. Taylor, Thad Spain, A. A. Sigmond, Joe Hilliard, alternate.

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that God works in all His people both to will and to do His own good pleasure, and that it is by our fruits that we are known.

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9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Gospel, and that true believers are the only proper subjects; and that the only true mode of baptism is immersion, and that the washing of the saints' feet is an example.

10. We believe there will be a resurrection of the bodies of all men, both the just and unjust; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel except he has come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery, and at the time is in fellowship with the church.

12. Ordered that we do not now, and never did have fellowship with secret organizations or any other institution of man.

# *Minutes*

OF THE

## Eleventh

## Annual Session

OF THE

# Dan Valley
# Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## *The Church at Cascade*

CASCADE, VIRGINIA
JUNE 8, 9, 10,

**1962**

The Lord willing, the next session will be held with the Church at Spray, North Carolina.

### OFFICERS

ELDER R. S. SMITH - Moderator, Cascade, Virginia
DEACON LUTHER HALL - Clerk, Rt. 1, Reidsville, N. C.
DEACON THAD SPAIN ..... Assistant Clerk
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# *Proceedings*

## OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE DAN VALLEY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT CASCADE, PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA. JUNE 8, 9, 10, 1962.

FRIDAY MORNING, June 8, 1962

Services were opened with song and prayer by Elder C. W. Watson and the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder T. L. Willard, Psa. 24. Elder Roy Smith, alternate, preached.

After an intermission for lunch the messengers of the churches composing the Association met in the house, and the Association was opened with song and prayer by Elder T. L. Willard.

1. Letters from our churches were called for, received and read by Clerk, and the names of all messengers recorded in the Statistical Table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. Election of officers. Moderator, Roy S. Smith; Clerk, Luther Hall; Assistant Clerk, Thad Spain.

4. Motion for temporary arrangements. Motion and second Moderator make all appointments. They were made as follows:

Committee on Arrangements: Brother Onis Martin, Brother A. A. Sigmond, Brother Walter Atkerson.

Committee on Preaching: Brother Thad Spain, Brother Leonard Page, Brother J. W. Watkins.

Committee for Distribution of Minutes: Brother Taylor, Brother Hilliard.

Committee on Finance: Brother Walter Leak, Brother Luther Hall, Brother E. J. Taylor.

5. Called for visitors: Brother C. W. Watson and Sister Watson from Lester's Grove Church, Brother Claud Gardener and wife, from Lester's Grove Church.

6. Moved for adjournment. Moved and passed we adjourn until 11 a. m. Saturday morning. Dismissed with prayer by Elder Roy Smith.

SATURDAY MORNING, June 10, 1961

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and the busi-

ness conference was opened with song and prayer by Elder Roy Smith.

1. Called roll of church messengers.

Spray: Brother Walter Atkerson, Brother Walter Leak, Brother Onis Martin, Brother Emett Hall, alternate.

Cascade: Brother E. J. Taylor, Brother Thad Spain, Brother A. A. Sigmond Brother Joe Hilliard, alternate.

Williamsburg, Brother Luther Hall, Brother J. W. Watkins, Brother Leonard Page, Sister Watkins, alternate.

2. Called for report of Committee on Arrangements: No business.

3. Recommendation of the Committee. The report of the Committee was received and the Committee was discharged.

4. Called for report of the Finance Committee. They gave the following report:

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| Received from the churches | $ 91.00 | |
| Received from friends | 57.00 | $128.00 |

5. Moved and passed that these funds be used as follows:

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| For printing and mailing minutes | $ 35.00 | |
| Gave Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Gave Clerk | 10.00 | |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 55.00 | |
| Balance in hands of Committee | 73.00 | $128.00 |

Balance left in hands of Clerk: None.

5a. Moved and seconded that the balance of the funds be left in the hands of the Finance Committee to dispose of as they see fit.

6. Motion passed that the Clerk have 250 copies of the minutes printed and mailed to our churches and correspondents.

7. Motion carred that the next session of our Association be held with the Church at Spray and second Sunday and Friday before in June.

8. Motion passed that Elder Roy S. Smith preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Elder T. L. Willard be his alternate in 1962.

9. Motion passed to omit reading of the minutes, and to give the Clerk authority to make any minor changes he may think necessary.

10. Moved and passed that the Clerk have inserted in the minutes the same list of Elders as of last year.

11. Motion passed that the Clerk be authorized to put in the minutes a resolution of thanks for clearing church grounds.

12. Moved and carried to adjourn until time and place of our next session. Dismissed with prayer by Elder Roy Smith.

Elder R. S. Smith, Moderator
Deacon Luther C. Hall, Clerk
Deacon Thad Spain, Ass't Clerk

Request made that Brother Berry print the Statistical Table in the old way. Print a copy for approval.

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS

First we want to thank God for blessing us with another wonderful association and the manifestation of His Spirit during the three days we were blessed to seat together in peace, love and fellowship for one another. We want to thank Him for adding to our association three of whom we believe to be the children of God, and to thank the members and friends who took part in clearing the association grounds and for preparing and bringing out lunch for all. We hope that God in His mercy will keep the churches of the Dan Valley Association in peace and that we may be blessed to meet again in 1963 at another wonderful association.

## ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning: Elder T. L. Willard, Elder Roy Smith.

Friday Afternoon: Elder Roy Smith, Hebrews 1:8.

Saturday Morning: Service was opened with song and prayer by Elder Roy Smith.

Saturday Afternoon: Elder Roy Smith.

Sunday Morning: Elder Roy Smith opened service with song and prayer, followed with preaching by Elder T. L. Willard; followed by Elder C. N. Watson, Exodus 14:1-14; followed by Elder Roy Smith, Titus 3.

Association was dismissed by Elder Roy S. Smith.

## VISITING MINISTERS

Elder C. W. Watson of Lester Grove Church.

## HOME MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Roy S. Smith, Cascade, Virginia
Elder T. L. Willard, Leaksville, N. C.

### MINUTES TO OUR CHURCHES

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Spray | Bros. Walter Atkerson, Walter Leak, Orris Martin, E. Hall, alt. | 3 | .... | .... | 1 | .... | 1 | 2 | 70 | $39.00 |
| Cascade | Bros. E. J. Taylor, Thad Spain, A. A. Sigmond, Joe Hilliard, alt. | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 19 | 27.00 |
| Williamsburg | Bros. Luther Hall, J. W. Watkins, Leonard Page, Sister Watkins, alt. | 4 | .... | .... | 2 | .... | .... | .... | 14 | 25.00 |

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## Twelfth

## Annual Session

OF THE

# Dan Valley

# Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## *The Church at*

## Spray

NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 7, 8, 9,

1963

The Lord willing, the next session will be held with the Church at Williamsburg, North Carolina

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DEACON THAD SPAIN ..... Assistant Clerk
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# *Proceedings*

## OF THE TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE DAN VALLEY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT SPRAY, ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, JUNE 7, 8, 9, 1963.

FRIDAY MORNING—June 7, 1963

Services were opened with song and prayer by Elder C. W. Watson and the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Roy S. Smith and Elder T. L. Willard, his alternate preached, Genesis 9:3.

After an intermission for lunch the messengers of the churches composing the association met in the house, and the association was opened with song and prayer by Elder T. L. Willard.

1. Letters from our churches were called for, received and read by the Clerk, Luther Hall, and the names of all messengers recorded in the Statistical Table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. Election of officers. Moderator: Elder Roy S. Smith. Clerk: Luther Hall. Assistant Clerk: Brother Thad Spain.

4. Motion for temporary arrangements. Motioned and seconded that the moderator make all appointments. They were made as follows:

Committee on Arrangements: Leonard Page, Walter G. Atkinson and Emmett Hall.

Committee on Preaching: Thad Spain, Luther Hall and Onis Martin.

Committee for Distribution of Minutes: E. J. Taylor and Harry Miller.

Committee on Finance: Walter Leek, Onis Martin and Thad Spain.

5. Called for visitors: Brother C. W. Watson and wife from Lesters Grove Church.

6. Moved for adjournment. Moved and passed we adjourn until 10:30 Saturday morning. Dismissed with prayer by Elder Roy S. Smith.

SATURDAY MORNING—June 8th, 1963

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and the business conference was opened with song and prayer by Elder T. L. Willard.

1. Called roll of church messengers. All present.

Cascade: Brethren E. J. Taylor, A. A. Sigmon, Thad Spain, Harry Miller, alternate.

Spray: Brethren Walter G. Atkinson, Walter Leek, Onis Martin and Emmett Hall, alternate.

Williamsburg: Brethren Luther Hall and Leonard Page, Sister Molly Walker, and Sister Nannie Hall, alternate.

2. Called for report of Committee on Arrangements. No report.

3. Recommendation of the committee: The report of the committee was received and the committee was discharged.

4. Called for report of the Finance Committee: They gave the following report:

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|---|---|---|
| Received from the churches | $90.00 | |
| Received from friends | 25.00 | $115.00 |

5. Moved and passed that these funds be used as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For printing and mailing minutes | $35.00 | |
| Gave Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Gave Clerks | 10.00 | $ 55.00 |
| Miscellaneous expenses | | |
| Balance in hands of Committee | | $ 60.00 |

Balance left in hands of Clerk: None.

5a. Moved and seconded that the balance of the funds be left in the hands of the Finance Committee to dispose of as they see fit.

6. Motion passed that the Clerk have 250 copies of the minutes printed and mailed to our churches and correspondents.

7. Motion carried that the next session of our association be held with the church at Williamsburg beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in June 1964.

8. Motion passed that Elder T. L. Willard preach the introductory sermon, and that Elder Roy S. Smith be his alternate in 1964.

9. Motion passed to omit reading of the minutes and to give the Clerk authority to make any minor changes he may think necessary.

10. Moved and seconded that the Clerk be authorized to put in the minutes a resolution of thanks for clearing the church grounds.

11. Moved and seconded to adjourn until time and place of our next session. Dismissed with prayer by Brother Clayton Spencer.

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ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:
Elder Roy S. Smith, Genesis 9:3
Elder T. L. Willard, no text

Friday Afternoon:
Elder C. W. Watson, Psa. 23

Saturday Morning:
Clayton W. Spencer, Psa. 23
Elder Roy S. Smith, Romans 5:6

Saturday Afternoon:
Brother Harry Miller, St. John 5
Dismissed by Elder Roy Smith

Sunday Morning:
Service was opened with song and prayer by
Elder Roy S. Smith. Preaching by:
Elder T. L. Willard, Ephesians 14:1
Elder C. W. Watson, Luke 15:11-24
Brother Clayton W. Spencer, John 3
Dismissed with prayer by Elder Roy Smith.

Note: Brother Clayton Spencer and Brother Harry Miller whose names appear in the order of preaching are only liberated to exercise in public at the Church at Cascade and were used in this meeting at the request of the Church at Cascade.

## HOME MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Roy S. Smith, Cascade, Virginia
Elder T. L. Willard, Leaksville, N. C.

## VISITING MINISTERS

Elder C. W. Watson from Lesters Grove Church

## LIBERATED PREACHERS

Brother Clayton W. Spencer, Rt. 1, Box 473, Fieldale, Va.
Brother Harry Miller, 200 Clarkway, Spray, N. C.

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## RESOLUTION OF THANKS

RESOLVED, That we bow we hope in humble thanks given to our heavenly Father for his abundant mercy and loving kindness to us all. We wish to thank all that took a part in cleaning the church grounds and the church and to all who brought out food to feed the people. And we hope that we are thankful to our great and wonderful God that He blessed us all to sit together and worship together in love and peace and order one more time. And we hope to be thankful that it is as well with us as it is tand may His will be to keep us humble through another year and bless us to meet again at another association is our prayer for Christ's sake.

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## MINUTES TO OUR CHURCHES

Spray: Walter Atkinson, Spray, N. C. ..... 100
Cascade: E. J. Taylor, Cascade, Va. ..... 75
Williamsburg: Luther Hall, Rt. 1, Reidsville, N. C. ..... Remainder

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11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerks as often as the Association may require.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege to speak as are the other members, provided that the chair be filled; and he shall have no vote except the Association be equally divided. In that event he shall cast the deciding vote.

13. Any member of this Association who shall violate any of these rules shall be dealt with as the Association may think proper.

14. The Association maintains the right to withdraw from any church which may be in disorder, or that deviates from the orthodox principles and doctrines of religion, either in faith or practice.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

2. We believe that the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the testimonies of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe that all mankind is in a fallen state by nature, and consequently in a state of condemnation; the man cannot recover himself from the state by his own free will and ability.

4. We believe that sinners are justified by faith, and accounted righteous before God only by the imputed righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

5. We believe in election according to the foreknowledge of God, the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

6. We believe the saints are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, and that they never finally fall away.

7. We believe that all the regenerated are created in Christ Jesus unto good works, and good works follow faith as a fruit of it, and

that God works in all His people both to will and to do His own good pleasure, and that it is by our fruits that we are known.

8. We believe that a church of Jesus Christ is a company of believers, baptized upon a profession of their faith in Christ, contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, and remaining pure and holy, ordaining as they have been delivered.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Gospel, and that true believers are the only proper subjects; and that the only true mode of baptism is immersion, and that the washing of the saints' feet is an example.

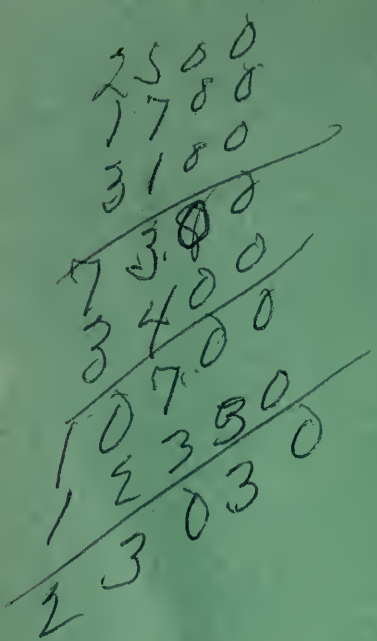
10. We believe there will be a resurrection of the bodies of all men, both the just and unjust; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel except he has come under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery, and at the time is in fellowship with the church.

12. Ordered that we do not now, and never did have fellowship with secret organizations or any other institution of man.

## STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS | Sun. of Meeting | Rec'd by Baptism | Rec'd by Letter | Rec'd by Relation | Restored to Fel. | Dis'd by Letter | Excluded | Deceased | Tot. Membership | Contributions |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Spray | Brethren Walter G. Atkinson, Walter Leeke, Onis Martin and Emmett Hall, alternate | 3 | 2 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 4 | 66 | $40.00 |
| Cascade | Brethren A. A. Sigmon, E. J. Taylor, Thad Spain and Harry Miller, alternate | 1 | 5 | .... | 2 | 1 | 1 | .... | .... | 26 | 25.00 |
| Willamsburg | Brother Luther Hall, Brother Leonard Page, Sister Molley Walker, and Sister Nannie Hall, alternate | 4 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 14 | 25.00 |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# *Minutes*

OF THE

## Thirteenth

## Annual Session

OF THE

# Dan Valley
# Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## *The Church at*
## Williamsburg

NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 12, 13, 14,

1964

The Lord willing, the next session will be held with the Church at Cascade, Virginia.

### OFFICERS

ELDER ROY S. SMITH - Moderator, Cascade, Virginia

LUTHER HALL - Clerk ..... Rt. 1, Reidsville, N. C.

THAD SPAIN - Assistant Clerk ..... Draper, N. C.

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# *Proceedings*

**OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE DAN VALLEY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT WILLIAMSBURG, NORTH CAROLINA, JUNE 12, 13, 14, 1964.**

FRIDAY MORNING—June 12, 1964

Service were opened with song and prayer by Elder Otto Tilley and the introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. L. Willard, text 1 John. Elder Roy Smith.

After an intermission for lunch the messengers of the churches composing the association met in the house, and the association was opened with song and prayer by Elder V. B. Linn.

1. Letters from our churches were called for, received and read by the Clerk and Assistant Clerk, and the names of all messengers recorded in the Statistical Table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. Election of officers. Moderator: Elder Roy Smith; Clerk: Luther Hall; Assistant Clerk: Thad Spain.

4. Motion for temporary arrangements. Motioned and seconded that the Moderator make all appointments. They were made as follows:

Committee on Arrangements: Brother Leonard Page, Brother E. J. Taylor, Brother Emitt Hall.

Committee on Preaching: Onis Martin, Brother Walter Leak, Luther Hall.

Committee for Distribution of Minutes: A. A. Sigmon, Brother Thad Spain.

Committee on Finance: Brother Walter Leak, Brother J. W. Watkins, Brother Luther Hall.

5. Called for visitors: Elder and Sister Charles Watson, Lester's Grove Church; Brother V. B. Linn, Tygarts Valley River Association; Elder Wallace Harvey, Elder W. P. Oneal, Elder Otto Tilley from Pocatalico Association.

6. Moved for adjournment: Moved and passed we adjourn until 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning. Dismissed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING—June 13, 1964

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and the business conference was opened with song and prayer by Elder J. S. Hunnicutt.

1. Called roll of church messengers. Present:

Cascade: Brethren A. A. Sigmond, E. J. Taylor, Thad Spain, and Harry Miller, alternate.

Spray: Brethren Onis Martin, Walter Leak, Emmitt Hall, Walter Atkins, alternate.

Williamsburg: Brethren Luther Hall, J. W. Watkins, Leonard Page, Sister Ruby Sanders, alternate.

2. Called for report of Committee on Arrangements.

Moved and passed Committee on Arrangements be discharged.

3. Recommendation of the committee: The report of the committee was received and the committee was discharged.

4. Called for report of the Finance Committee: They gave the following report:

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|---|---|---|
| Received from the churches | $123.30 | |
| Received from friends | 107.00 | $230.30 |

5. Moved and passed that these funds be used as follows:

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|---|---|---|
| For printing and mailing minutes | $45.00 | |
| Gave Moderator | 10.00 | |
| Gave Clerks | 10.00 | $ 65.00 |
| Balance in hands of committee | | $165.30 |
| Balance left in hands of Clerk | None | |

5a. Moved and seconded that the balance of the funds be left in the hands of the Finance Committee to dispose of as they see fit.

6. Motion that the Clerk have 300 copies of the minutes printed and mailed to our churches and correpondents.

7. Motion carried that the next session of our association be held with the church at Cascade, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in June, 1965.

8. Motion passed that Elder Roy Smith preach the introductory sermon, and that Elder T. L. Willard be his alternate in 1965.

9. Motion passed to omit reading of the minutes and to give the Clerk authority to make any minor changes he may think nesessary.

10. Moved and seconded that the Clerk be authorized to put in the minutes a resolution of thanks for clearing the church grounds.

11. Moved and seconded to adjourn until time and place of our next session. Dismissed with prayer.

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ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Service was opened with song and prayer by Elder Otto Lilly.

Elder T. L. Willard, 1st chapter of John

Elder Roy Smith, 4th chapter of John

Friday Afternoon:

Elder V. B. Linn, Gen. 40

Elder W. P. Oneal, Ezek. 37

Elder Charles Watson, Matt. 11:1-6

Dismissed by Elder H. J. Bird.

Friday Night:

Elder Otto Tilley, no text

Elder Wallace Harvey, no text

Elder J. S. Hunnicutt, Isa. 53:4, 5, 6

Saturday Morning:

Service was opened with song and prayer by Elder J. S. Hunnicutt. Preaching by—

Elder H. J. Bird

Saturday Afternoon:

J. S. Hunnicutt, no special text

Elder V. B. Linn, no special text

Elder Otto Tilley, no special text

Dismissed by Elder T. L. Willard

Saturday Night:

Elder V. B. Linn, St. Luke 1:1

Elder H. J. Bird, no special text

Sunday Morning:

Elder J. S. Hunnicutt, Eph. 1

Elder Charles Watson, Heb. 15:2

Elder V. B. Linn, Deut. 32

Elder Roy Smith spoke

Dismissed by Elder H. J. Bird

It was moved and passed that messengers be appointed to attend our sister associations.

Tygarts Valley Association: To be held with the Little Bethel Church, near Meadowville, W. Va., last Saturday and Sunday in August. And the—

Pocatalico Association: To be held on the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in September at the Hopeville Church, 5 or 6 miles out of Charleston, W. Va. on Big Tyler Road.

Messengers appointed to attend these associations are as follows: Elder Roy Smith, Brother J. W. Watkins, Brother Thad Spain, Brother Luther Hall, Brother Clayton Spencer, Brother Walter Leak, Brother Onis Martin, Brother A. A. Sigmon.

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## RESOLUTION OF THANKS

First we want to thank our wonderful Savior that He spared a few of our unprofitable lives through another year and blessed a few of His little children. We hope to meet again at another association and we want to thank God again that He sent a few of His God-called servants from different parts of the country to preach hisc unsearchable richness and gospel; not a new doctrnie but the same doctrine that was preached by the old apostles and prophets—Salvation by the grace of God and God alone.

We want to thank all that took part in cleaning the church grounds and those who were so generous in bringing out lunch and those who too care of the visiting Elders and brothers and sisters and friends. Also, we want to thank City Funeral Home who were so nice to loan us chairs. We hope the Lord will spare a few of us to meet again next year, 1965 at another association, for it is through Him and by Him that we have our being.

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## HOME MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder Roy S. Smith, Cascade, Virginia

Elder T. L. Willard, Leaksville, N. C.

## VISITING MINISTERS

Elder Wallace Harvey, Rt. 87, Box 126, Shady Springs, W. Va.
Elder J. S. Hunnicutt, Webbville, Kentucky
Elder Otto Tilley, Pineville, W. Va.
Elder H. J. Bird, 2490, Montana Ave., Hurricane, W. Va.
Elder W. P. Oneal, Marianna, W. Va.
Elder R. H. Pennington, Ramsey, W. Va.
Elder V. B. Linn, 409 Maryland Ave., Fairmont, W. Va.
Elder Charles Watson, Salem, Va.

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## MINUTES TO OUR CHURCHES

Spray: Onis Martin, Spray, N. C. ..... 75
Cascade: Thad Spain, Draper, N. C. ..... 50
Williamsburg: Luther Hall, Rt. 1, Reidsville, N. C. ..... 50

## MINUTES TO CORRESPONDENTS

H. J. Bird: 2490 Montana Ave., Hurricane, W. Va. ..... 25
Elder V. B. Linn, 409 Maryland Ave., Fairmont, Va. ..... 25
Mr. Claud Gardener

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| Cascade | A. A. Sigmon, E. J. Taylor, Thad Spain, Harry Miller, alt. | 1st | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 4 | 22 | 25.00 |
| Williamsburg | Luther Hall, J. W. Watkins, Leonard Page, Sister Ruby Saunders, alt. | 4th | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 14 | 57.30 |

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# Minutes

OF THE

## Fifteenth

## Annual Session

OF THE

# Dan Valley

# Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## *The Church at*

## *Spray*

NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 10, 11, 12,

1966

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### OFFICERS

ELDER ROY S. SMITH - Moderator, Cascade, Virginia
DEACON LUTHER HALL - Clerk, Rt. 1, Reidsville, N. C.
DEACON THAD SPAIN - Assistant Clerk, Draper, N. C.

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# *Proceedings*

OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE DAN VALLEY PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT SPRAY, NORTH CAROLINA JUNE 10, 11, 12, 1966

FRIDAY MORNING—June 10, 1966

Service was opened with song and prayer by Elder Harvey Byrd and the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Clayton W. Spencer, text 2 Corinthians 1.

After an intermission for lunch the messengers of the churches composing the association met in the house, and the association was opened with song and prayer by Elder J. J. Smith.

1. Letters from our churches were called for, received and read by the Clerk and Assistant Clerk, and the names of all messengers recorded in the Statistical Table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. Appointed officers: Moderator, Elder Roy S. Smith; Clerk, Luther Hall; Assistant Clerk, Thad Spain.

4. Motion for temporary arrangements. Motioned and seconded that the Moderator make all appointments. They were made as follows:

Committee on Arrangements: Brethren E. J. Taylor, Brother Leonard Page, Brother Thad Spain.

Committee on Preaching: Brethren J. W. Watkins, Brother Walter Leak, Elder Clayton W. Spencer.

Committee for Distribution of Minutes: Brethren A. A. Sigmond, Brother E. J. Taylor.

Committee on Finance: Brethren Onis Martin, Brother E. J. Taylor, Brother Luther Hall.

5. Called for correspondents from sister associations.

Pocatalico: Elder J. C Hammond, Elder H. J. Byrd, Brother H. C. Johnson, Elder J. S. Hunnicutt, Elder Wallace Harvey, Elder W. P. Oneal, Elder R. H. Pennington, Elder Otto Tilley, Elder John Smith and others.

Lesters Grove Church: Elder Charles Watson and wife,

Tygarts Valley River: Elders V. B. Linn, Sister Bernice Linn and Elder H. D. Murphy.

6. Called for visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Oley and daughter.

7. All messengers and visitors received and seated.

8. Called for a report of messengers who were appointed to attend our sister associations. Report was made and messengers discharged. All gave a good report.

9. Appointed messengers as follows to attend our sister associations as follows:

Pocatalico: Elder Clayton W. Spencer, Elder Roy Smith, Brother Walter Leak, Brother A. A. Sigmond.

Tygarts Valley River: Elder Clayton W. Spencer, Elder Roy S. Smith, Brother W A. Leak.

10. Moved and passed to adjourn until 9:30 Saturday.

11. Dismissed by Elder J. C. Hammond.

SATURDAY MORNING—June 11, 1966

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and the business conference was opened with song and prayer by Elder J. S. Hunnicutt.

1. Called roll of church messengers. Present:

Cascade: Brother A A. Sigmond, Brother E. J. Taylor, Elder Clayton W Spencer, Brother Thad Spain.

Spray: Brother Onis Martin, Brother Walter Leak, Brother Oscar B. Gilly, Brother Thomas Solomon, alternate.

Williamsburg: Brother Luther Hall, Brother Leonard Page, Brother J. W. Watkins, Sister Macy Stone, alternate.

2. Called for report of Cimmittee on Arrangements: None.

Moved and passed Committee on Arrangements be discharged.

3. Recommendation of the Committee: The report of the Committee was received and the Committee was discharged.

4. Called for report of the Finance Committee: They gave the following report:

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|---|---|---|
| Received from the churches ..... | $145.00 | |
| Received from friends ..... .... | 52.00 | $197.00 |

Balance left from last years: None.

5. Moved and passed that these funds be used as follows:

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|---|---|---|
| For printing and mailing minutes ..... | $40.00 | |
| Gave Moderator ..... ..... | 10.00 | |
| Gave Clerks ..... ..... | 10.00 | |
| Balance due on minutes for 1965 .... ... | 5.00 | $65.00 |
| Balance in hands of Committee ..... | | $132.00 |

Balance in hands of Clerk: None.

5a. Moved and seconded that the balance of the funds be left in the hands of the Finance Committee to dispose of as they see fit.

6. Motion that the Clerk have 300 copies of the minutes printed and mailed to our churches and correspondents.

7. Motion carried that the next session of our association be held with the Church at Williamsburg, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in June, 1967.

8. Motion passed that Elder Roy S. Smith preach the introductory sermon, and Elder T. L. Willard be his alternate in 1967.

9. Motion passed to omit reading of the minutes and to give the Clerk authority to make any minor changes he may think necessary.

10. Moved and seconded that the Clerk be authorized to put in the minutes a resolution of thanks for cleaning the church grounds.

11. Moved and seconded to adjourn until time and place of our next session. Dismissed with prayer by Elder J. C. Hammond.

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## ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning—Service was opened with song and prayer by Elder Harvey Byrd. Elder Clayton W. Spencer preached and Elder Roy Smith.

Friday Afternoon—Elder V. B. Linn, Psa. 50:1-2.

Saturday Morning—Service was opened with song and prayer by J. S. Hunnicutt. Preaching by Elder Wallace Hardy, Elder W. Powell ,no special text; Elder Otto Tilley, no special text; Elder H. D. Murphy, no text; Elder R. H. Pennington, no text,

Elder J. J. Smith, Rom. 8:1-7; Elder Charles Watson, St. John 1:7. Elder J. C. Hammond, Revelation 12.

Sunday Morning—Service was opened with song and prayer by Elder Roy S. Smith. Preaching by Elder J. S. Hunnicutt, 1 Thess., Elder Harvey Byrd, text Malachi 7:2; Elder V. B. Linn, Romans 8 Dismissed by Elder Charles Watson.

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We would first like to thank our most gracious and merciful God for the many wonderful blessings he has bestowed upon us this past year, and being so kind as to spare a few of our unprofitable lives through another year and to bless us to meet together at another wonderful association.

We know that it wasn't any goodness on our part that caused God to bless us; we know if He had dealt with us according to our goodness, we would have been cut off from everyone and everybody. For we know that in our natural body there dwells no good thing. But our God is such a kind and merciful and loving God that He saw fit to send some of His God-blessed servants down in our midst to feed His sheep and feed His lambs of which I hope that we have been made thankful and may it be His will to spare a few of our lives another year that we may meet in peace and love at another association. And may God in His mercy draw us close together and to look over our brother's mistakes and short comings for it is not our prayers or our repentance that will bless any of us to enter heaven and immortal glory, but it will be the love that God had for His children before the foundation of the world and all that He loved then He still loves and them that He loved will certainly be housed in heaven without the loss of one, for He gave His only Begotten Son that those that He lived might be saved, and Christ paid all of His Father's children's debts with His precious blood and just as sure as the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, this is as sure that all that God has chosen in His Son they will be housed in heaven without the loss of one. Where there then will be one of the greatest associations that has ever been where there will be no parting

hands and no good bys, but will be on and on just one great meeting for those whom God loved and gave His Son.

Now may God be with us all and bless us all and guide us all until we meet again at another wonderful association in 1967. We want to thank all the brothers and sisters and friends that took a part in helping out in the association and all the friends who came to the association.

## VISITING MINISTERS

Elder Harvey Byrd, 2490 Montana Ave., Hurricane, W. Va.
Elder J. S. Hunnicutt, Webbville, Ky.
Elder Charles Watson, 1602 Lynchburg Tunpike, Salem, Va.
Elder V. B. Linn, Rt. 3, Box 344BB, Buchannon, W. Va.
Elder Wallace Harvey, Shady Springs, Va.
Elder Otto Tilley, Pineville, W. Va.
Elder W. P. Oneal, Marian, W. Va.
Elder R. H. Pennington, Ramsey, W. Va.
Elder J. C. Hammond, Charleston, W. Va.
Elder John Smith
Elder H. D. Murphy

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Elder Roy S. Smith, Cascade, Va.
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Tygarts Valley River—A. R. Linn, 5246, 4th St., Baltimore, Md. .... 25
Pocatalico—H. J. Byrd, 2490 Montana Ave., Hurricane, W. Va. .... 50
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| Cascade | Elder Clayton W. Spencer, Bro. A. A. Sigmond, Bro. E. J. Taylor, Bro. Thad Spain | Aug. | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 2 | 21 | 45.00 |
| Williamsburg | Bro. Luther Hall, Bro. Leonard Page, Bro. J. W. Watkins,, Sister Macy Stone, alternate | June | 4 | 1 | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | 14 | 63.00 |

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OF THE

## Sixteenth

## Annual Session

OF THE

# Dan Valley

# Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

## *The Church at*

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JUNE 9, 10, 11,

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FRIDAY MORNING—June 9, 1967

Service was opened with song and prayer by J. C. Hammond and the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Roy S. Smith, text 1st Cor. 15.

After an intermission for lunch the messengers of the churches composing the association met in the house and the association was opened with song and prayer by V. B. Linn.

1. Letters from our churches were called for, received and read by the Clerk and Assistant Clerk, and the names of all messengers recorded in the Statistical Table.

2. Called for petitionary letters. None.

3. Appointed officers: Moderator, Elder Roy S. Smith; Clerk, Deacon Luther Hall; Assistant Clerk, Deacon Thad Spain.

4. Motion for temporary arrangements. Motioned and seconded that the Moderator make all appointments. They were made as follows:

Committee on Arrangements: Brother Thad Spain, Brother A. A. Sigmond, Brother Leonard Page.

Committee on Preaching: Brethren W. A. Leak, Luther Hall, J. W. Watkins.

Committee for Distribution of Minutes: Brother Onis Martin, Brother O. B. Gilley.

Committee on Finance: Elder C. W. Spencer, Brother Luther Hall, Brother Onis Martin.

5. Called for correspondents from sister associations:

Pocatalico: Elders J. C. Hammond, H. J. Bird, R. H. Pennington, J. S. Hunnicutt, J. J. Smih, W. P. Oneal.

Visitors: Brother Y. W. Wade and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Oxley and daughter.

Tygarts Valley River: Elder V. B. Linn, Sister Bernice Linn, Brother Reynold Linn, Sister Mabel Linn.

Lesters Grove: Brother Charles Watson and wife, Sister

Watson.

6. All messengers and visitors received and seated.

7. Called for a report of messengers who were appointed to attend our sister associations. Report was made and messengers discharged.

8. Appointed messengers as follows to attend our sister associations as follows:

Pocatalico: Elder Clayton W. Spencer, Elder A. A. Sigmond, Elder Roy Smith, Brother J. W. Watson.

Tygarts Valley River: Elder Clayton W. Spencer, Brother A. A. Sigmond, Brother Walter Leak, Elder Roy Smith.

9. Moved and passed to adjourn until 10:00 a. m. Saturday.

10. Dismissed by J. S. Hunnicutt.

SATURDAY MORNING—June 10, 1967

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and the business conference was opened with song and prayer by Elder Harvey Bird.

1. Called roll of church messengers. Present:

Cascade: Elders Clayton Spencer, A. A. Sigmond, Deacon Thad Spain, James W. Spencer, alternate.

Spray: Deacon Onis Martin, Deacon Watley A. Leak, Brother O. B. Gilley, Sister Cora Stowe, alt.

Williamsburg: Deacon Luther Hall, Deacon J. W. Watkins, Deacon Leonard Page, Sister Maud King, alternate.

2. Called for report of Committee on Arrangements. No business.

Moved and passed Committee on Arrangements be discharged.

3. Recommendation of the Committee: The report of the Committee was received and the Committee was discharged.

4. Called for report of the Finance Committee: They gave the following report:

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| Received from the churches | $135.00 | |
| Received from friends | 35.00 | |
| Balance left from last year | .00 | $170.00 |

5. Moved and passed that these funds be used as follows:

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| For printing and mailing minutes .... ..... | $40.00 | |
| Gave Moderator ..... ..... | 10.00 | |
| Gave Clerks ..... | 10.00 | $60.00 |
| Balance in hands of Committee ..... | | $110.00 |

Balance in hands of Clerk: None.

5a. Moved and seconded that the balance of the funds be left in hands of the Finance Committee to dispose of as they see fit.

6. Motion that the Clerk have 300 copies of the minutes printed and mailed to our churches and correspondents.

7. Motion carried that the next session of our association be held with the Church at Cascade, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in June, 1968.

8. Motion passed that Elder Roy Smith preach the introductory sermon, and Elder A. A. Sigmond be his alternate in 1968.

9. Motion passed to omit reading of the minutes and to give the Clerk authority to make any minor changes he may think necessary.

10. Moved and seconded that the Clerk be authorized to put in the minutes a resolution of thanks for clearing the church grounds.

11. Moved and seconded to adjourn until time and place of our next session. Dismissed with prayer by R. H. Pennington.

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## ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING—Service was opened with song and prayer by Elder J. C. Hammond. Introductory sermon preached by Elder Roy Smith, text 1 Cor. 15.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—Elder V. B. Linn, Book of Isaiah 40:1-3. Dismissed by Elder Clayton W. Spencer.

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON—Elder J. S. Hunnicutt, no text. W. P. Oneal, Matthew 25. Elder Charles Watson, Rev. 22. Elder J. C. Hammond, no text. Dismissed by Elder J. J. Smith.

SUNDAY MORNING—Service was opened with song and prayer by J. S. Hunnicutt. Preaching by Elder H. J. Bird, text Job 12:23. Elder V. B. Linn, A great cloud of witnesses. Elder Charles Watson, Genesis creation. Elder J. S. Hunnicutt, no text. Dismissed by Elder Charles Watson.

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS

It is once again that the Lord has blessed a few of His little children we hope to meet again at another Dan Valley Association. And looking back to a year that has passed, we can see so much to be thankful for. Our God has been good to us all for sparing our lives up until this present time. And we have been so forgetful and so unthankful for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. But we know that unless God gives us a thankful heart, we cannot of ourselves be thankful. Our God is the same today that He has always been. He is unchangeable, all wise, has all power and does all things the way He purposed it to be. We have disappointments but not God.

Now we want to thank all that took part in cleaning up the church and church grounds and all that took care of our visiting preachers, members and friends. We hope to meet again next year at another association.

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**Elder Roy Smith**
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Spray Church—50 copies
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## MINUTES TO CORRESPONDENTS

Elder H. J. Bird, Hurricane, W. Va. ..... 40
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